

Vincent Massey Parent Council Association
Meeting Minutes - Date: Wednesday , May 7th , 2025

1. Call to order: 7:28 pm

2. Attendance - Quorum achieved for meeting

Parents: Rayelene Andersen, Jacqueline Cornett-Ching, Heather Thompson, Jane Radiff, Chris Le Bihan, Rachel Sawyer, Stacey Zurburg, Diane Jeffers, Heather Romalo, Van Minh Tri Vo, Lindsay Kelchen, Lisa Jones, Nadia Hutton, Enas Awwad.

Admin. Guests: David Pugh, Principal, Assistant Principal Meghann Springett

3. Approval of prior minutes (date) - approved by Heather Thompson, seconded by Rachel Sawyer

4. Review Agenda- Chris Le Bihan reviews agenda. Nothing to add.

5. President's Report - Nothing New from Chris

6. Treasurer's Report:

From Rachel Sawyer (by email):

Donation account:

\$966.70 deposited from Healthy Hunger

\$0.10 interest

New balance: \$12,510.82

Casino account:

\$0.96 interest

New balance: \$33,251.68

7. Fundraiser Committee Report: Nothing new except Rachel offered to do Apple Fundraiser in the fall. Stacey offered to help.

8. New Business:

A) Drumheller

Needs approved spending, as this was not done at the previous meeting.

Motion to approve up to \$4,000 for Grade 7 Drumheller trip bus expenses made by Stacey Z. and Diane seconded that motion. All approved unanimously.

B) Outsiders Books , parents and teachers want more students to be enjoying copies of this classic book at the same time to encourage discussion between classes (this was put forward at the last meeting).

Motion to approve up to \$1400 dollars for the purchase of 3 sets of 30 books for three Grade 8 classes, and rotate these through the grade (there will be 9 classes)

Stacey made that motion, Heather to second this motion. Approved unanimously.

NB the diversity \$500 grant is different than this Outsiders book purchase. Diane explained that these monies will be used for buying bilingual books (a variety of languages)

C) Courtyard update (this discussion has been brought up many times.

Landscaping of rocks and natural outdoor 'classroom' is just not feasible, as accessible for the crane and use of rocks must be approved for safety reasons (parent suggested rocks for sitting on). The parents want more seating for VM students at lunch time. Currently they sit on stairs, the bus stop and there are a couple of blue picnic tables that have been durable.

- Perhaps make a five year plan was suggested
- Step one, year one would be to order a few more sturdy blue picnic tables for near staff parking lot (Meghann knows where and explained to David Pugh)
- Some parents suggested a playground, but that was tabled for now, and picnic tables will be the start of more discussions
- Action item: Meghann will remind students that there are two other places to go at lunch; the stage is like a cafeteria, and the baseball diamond is a bit of a further walk but kids can be reminded those are both possible spots so they don't have to sit on the ground

D) Grade 9 Farewell will be \$10 per ticket (room for 240) Saturday, June 21 at 6:30 - 9:00 pm at Westgate, a poster will be given from the parents to the Admin to put up. The DJ + Photo booth has been booked (all in one service was decided). Decor in the works with parent volunteers to hopefully offer to help with time / money. The help needed from the office will be : Please provide the Farewell committee with a list of all grade 9s (highlight names as tickets are purchased). The cost of the venue was \$250 - it's not as nice as Rosscarrack, but the committee is hoping lots will attend. There will be three lunch hours for SALES: May 26, 27, 28. The Farewell committee asked for some money for pizza, candy 'bar'. ** It was decided to reevaluate the amount of money needed for Farewell at the June meeting, that is when the Farewell committee will have more numbers (sales of tickets, costs coming up, etc.)

E) Potential Requests to discuss for Financial support (discuss in June):

- Kim Anderson LEAD Teacher (skating lessons, zoo trip and other lessons confluence) they wrote a very appreciative card to Parent Council thanking them for swimming lessons last year and asking for more opportunities for their students, new to Canada
- Smart Boards Learning Commons specific one possibly
- Gerald PE department may ask for enhancements (not regular PE items) to add to his programming
- Literacy items for Ms. Button to support teachers and students
- Science add ons to compliment the current program (for example fish to dissect, OWL pellets are expensive, maybe asking for subsidies.
- Field trips related to curriculum that may come up
- Courtyard furniture
- Band trip - discuss casino monies - what should be shifted from parent council to band council (lump sum? How much? Discuss in further detail in June).

9. Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 pm.