

Vincent Massey Parent Council Association

Meeting Minutes - Date:

1. Call to order: 7:17 pm
2. Attendance - Quorum achieved for meeting
Parents: Rayelene Andersen, Jacqueline Cornett-Ching, Heather Thompson, Jane Radiff, Chris Le Bihan, Diane Jeffers, Angela Hoza, Lindsay Kelcher, Heather Romalo

Admin. Guests: David Pugh, Principal, Jen Laurendeau, Assistant Principal,
3. **Approval of prior minutes** (date) - approved by Diane Jeffers, seconded by Raylene Anderson
4. **Review Agenda-** Chris Le Bihan reviews agenda, no additions.
5. **President's Report -**
6. **Treasurer's Report:** (inserted from email from Rachel Sawyer)

Here are my Treasurer updates that someone can present. If there are any questions please let me know. **At the meeting if anything gets approved can you please let me know and I will add it to my approval spreadsheet.**

Donation Account:

Current Balance: \$12, 977.12

Cheque has been written to the school but not yet deposited for \$1433.20 (\$1250 teacher conference meal and \$183.20 office furniture)

Once cheque is deposited then the balance will be \$11,543.92

Casino Account:

Current Balance: \$33, 249.56

Last Casino Advisor cheque was deposited of \$1154.80

Cheque was deposited by the school for \$5042.88 (previously approved invoices - math games, hearts and eyeballs, Library books and Shakespeare performance)

Rachel paid insurance amount owing via etransfer of \$550

I looked into when we received our current casino funds and when they have to be fully spent. We have until August 2026 to use them. 36 months from the time of deposit. It would be good to use more by year end since we will be receiving our next casino funds by summer I would imagine. At the moment we have approved up to \$4000 for Grade 9 River Watch. Everything else that was previously approved

in the fall has been paid. We do need to discuss Drumheller Bussing for Grade 7. It was estimated at up to \$8700 but we haven't approved anything. Someone should bring that up at the April meeting.

I also went to the Music Parents Meeting and they are short some money for bussing. It was more expensive than they were originally hoping for. Anyways I believe someone is going to come to the April meeting with a potential request for funds. It was minimal and bussing can be approved with Casino funds of which we have quite a bit of. Just wanted to give you a heads up just in case.

Lastly I ended up getting our Vincent Massey Parent Council Association D&O Insurance via NFP Canada Corp (Lloyd's Underwriters is the Policy carrier). It was \$550 for the year. The Music Parents Association is debating whether insurance is even needed. They are using up their old funds fairly quickly and currently only raising around \$2000 per year so spending \$550 per year on insurance doesn't seem worth it. I did tell them they might want to check with AGLC to see if they need it anymore. They do host 50/50 raffles on occasion which is why they might want to check with AGLC. Anyways we approved up to \$1200 for both associations insurance at the last meeting but I decided to proceed with just our policy until I hear from the VMMPCA.

Consider how to spend the \$30,000 this year (David will ask the teachers for their budget items and what makes the most sense in a coordinated plan). Get ahead of the teachers' wish list for projects (ask them in June). David agreed that the end of year is best rather than September. The question will be "What are the types of teacher requests that reach the most learners?"

7. **Fundraiser Committee Report:** Think about how to spend the Casino money, have it spent by August 2026, or you can ask for longer if need be. David will look into the courtyard furniture logistics and plausibility in the future.
NB: Healthy Hunger 4x left

8. **New Business:**

A) Music Request:

Tomorrow is band camp (cost is \$2100) we pay for those that can't go. The teacher is \$440 over from what they motioned. Heather R. brought receipts and can provide evidence of spending. They are saving money by renting a yellow bus rather than a full blown coach, while music instruments are in a Uhaul. Council can choose which bills you'd like to cover. Discussion - we want to support projects for each grade 1/2 student is in band. Success of the Gr. 7 program builds capacity and diversity in the band program, so it is nice that the band is a priority from the council.

Motion by Chris L. is to cover cost for music program (receipts available) in the amount of \$850.50 for Grade 7 band camp transportation costs of bussing.

Approved by: Diane Jeffers

Seconded by: Jane Radiff

B) Grade 9 Farewell.

The usual format is off campus, separate from VM school. What's been happening is to follow the Rosscarrock gathering , same as last year. School perspective from David ; all Grade 9 teachers will be involve - for example teachers survey Grade 9s for a theme, there's an ask for the photo booth money \$ at the school, Megan and Angela have spoken about food trucks

Morning Celebration, food trucks arriving after then, there for the middle part of the day, and then the Afternoon people will enjoy food trucks too and attend the afternoon. Grade 7s can also enjoy the food trucks (is a good idea).

David is continuously thinking , "How can we thoughtfully celebrate our graduates in a special way that is safe, meaningful, and appropriate?"

Rayelene will look back into the minutes to find out the amount of money given from the council. Lindsay K. has offered to ask for someone to lead and if not then she will, she will send an email to many of her known Grade 9 parents to start the delegation of jobs/roles.

David would be willing to use the email from last year and push it out to the Grade 9 community from VM admin School Messenger to reach more of the Grade 9 parent community.

Lindsay will look into venues at the dates that are possible and discuss with David.

Admin noted: the official CBE Farewell at the school is Monday, June 23rd on campus.

Last day of school is June 26th. Considering Friday the 20th OR afternoon/evening of 23rd are just two suggestions from David and Jen.

Next meeting is Wed. May 7th: Lindsay will round up some parents, as the end of year will go quickly.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 pm.