

Vincent Massey Jr. High School, Calgary, Alberta
Vincent Massey School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes - Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2025

1. Call to order at 6:35 pm Learning Commons
2. Attendance -Quorum for meeting achieved ? Yes
Parents: unfortunately this attendance sheet was misplaced.

Admin. Guests: David Pugh, Principal, and Meaghan Springett
3. **Approval of prior minutes (date June 2025)** approved by Rachel Sawyer , seconded by Heather Thompson
4. **Review of the Agenda-** AGM voting of Executive Council

POSITIONS:

Rayelene will stay chair (Stacey Z. nominated her ; Heather seconded)

Vice Chair will continue to be Jacqueline(Rayelene nominated her ; Heather seconded that)

Secretary will continue to be Heather (David nominated and Rayelene seconded)

DISCUSSION:

Looming teacher strike notice for October 6, 2025; there will be no meetings in a labour dispute
School Council is the voice for kids and parents. Principal David has roles in three places -
principal, member of council and a member of union. Teachers will withdraw their services (i.e.
Google classroom, and D2L). David advised parents to always refer to the labour action page
for most up to date information.

5. Administration Report:

School Development Plan , we gathered some student well being data

September was getting to know students, building communication and strength in community

Full data set from last year, four different pools (i.e. resilience) improvements over the years, up
to 70% in most categories

796 students is our population which is a healthy number; less crowding in the halls

28% EAL (LP1 - 40% of those are new language learners, basic functional English)

21% special needs IPP

5% Indigenous

28 - 30 per class

41.4 teachers

44 support staff (7 of whom are the office staff, attendance, secretary, Bridges, Lead, Library, Teach etc)

- Not a lot of support
- October numbers will determine if Mr. Pugh can hire one more EA
- Keep our student services teacher
- Some literacy experts have a time for targeted support

What contributed to this drop?

- Break point alternative setting in grade 7
- New to Canada temp visas , changed at federal level
- Potential returning to their countries origin (uncertainties) speculation
- Mr. P moved to FEO , staffing policies, CBE staffing
- Behaviour support worker moved onto new school

Celebrations at Vincent Massey; lots of positives

- Terry Fox - building community and raising money, Rusty puts his heart and soul into the first couple of weeks
- Indigenous Learning activities , Sept 30 we had initiatives leading up to that
- Riverwatch , hopefully council votes in to support us retroactively Grade 9s this year , learning together outside, Environment Chemistry outcomes
- Cross country, wrapped up, bball and soccer were ongoing but suspended - when we return they may not happen

Mr Cull spoke about the Indigenous Art Project (a bit of review and update)

- Mural - ***Where the Buffalo Run Down the Hill***
- VM on sacred territory , significant land (Edworthy, river valley coming out of foothills, Shagganappi , into downtown, were gathering areas) we want to share our work with students, teachers and parents.
- Knowledge keeper Anita Crosshoe, a school teacher, Piikani Nation, Chickidee clan, BA in Science, and we're in our second year working with her.
- Once labour action is done, she is excited to work with us
- Her TIPI raising build confidence and capacity in our indigenous students Gr. 9 transitioning to high school , tying back into their stories, their culture
- Looked at the historical stories about the land, the power of themselves
- She shared the lens of the female role in the TIPI
- She makes it safe to ask questions , and brings joy - a real gift
- Warm wall east gym was the idea for provocation about art , spectacle to see, this inspired Meghan to initiate this project, with Mr. Cull
- Understanding land and public art
- Artist will be Kalum Teke Dan , Blood Tribe Southern Alberta , indigenous artist, showed beautiful murals by him, his work is incredible , large YYC installations
- The project will take into consideration student ideas
- Plan through the winter and by Spring they'll have a plan

Funding \$20,000

Lifts and incidentals, \$5,000 - \$10,000 (painted on board, so installation, CBE facilities)

Asking for \$15,000

They have been applying for grants (i.e. City of Calgary, has gone in!!)

Alberta Arts Grant, 2026 submissions

Student voice about the painting , not just hiring the artist for TRC action items , central to this work is the ripple effect , education about Indigenous peoples' experiences and reconciliation (i.e. sharing circles led by Grade 8s who were participants in the nature walk to White Oak Park last month). VM Staff has taken this on whole heartedly.

Action Item: Rachel to ask Casino about Artist in Rez (Meaghan and Rachel to discuss)

6. **Chairs Report:** Heather Hunger Update?

Healthy Hunger \$6400 last year

25 lunches brown bag

16 events set up

We can set up other events ; Band, Teacher Appreciation, Grad

Saucey Bread will reschedule when strike is over

Update the facebook page please.

7. **New Business: None**

Next meeting Nov. 5 , in the event that there is still a strike then postponed

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Vincent Massey Parent Council Association

Meeting Minutes -

Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2025

1. Call to order: 7:20 pm in Learning Commons
2. Attendance - Quorum achieved for meeting
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Admin. Guests: David Pugh, Principal & Meaghan Springett
3. **Approval of prior minutes** (date June) - approved by Heather, seconded by Raylene.
4. **Review Agenda-** Rachel Sawyer will act in Chris' place today as chair for this meeting.

- Member forms for parent association forms will be sent out
- Postpone the AGM until next meeting please

Casino - quarter 4 - 2026 (we find out the date later but probably Oct, Nov, Dec)

RACHEL report:

Casino account: 3.93 interest in Sept 30 , \$4.06 interest in Aug, \$4.06 interest in July, \$4.15 interest in June. Current balance is \$105,659.43 Donation account: Deposited a cheque from healthy hunger in Sept for \$3291.98, Interest of \$0.02 in July, Interest of \$0.14 in June. Current balance is \$12,169.23.

Outdoor furniture set up Hex tables are being used well, great to see
Riverwatch Gr 9 subsidy (next time - be ready with the wish lists)

See #8 from June/May wish list - will be approved next time \$99,000 approx

Apple Sales (Monday email will come out) fb massey page reminders

Pick up is at Rachel's house

Office email (non-teachers) monitoring that email 46

Outdoor (front) picnic tables - sad news it costs a lot for the pad/concrete place to be made for picnic tables (maybe next year) so far estimate is too much. David will push that out to facilities on Friday - get that in the queue to get firm numbers

Adjourned at 7:46pm