

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

Meeting Minutes - Date: Wed. Dec. 3, 2025

1. Call to order at 6:35pm
2. Attendance -Quorum for meeting achieved YES, not needed for school council
Parents: Rayelene Anderson, Jane Radiff, Rachel Sawyer, Heather Thompson, Diane Jeffers, Chris L.

Admin. Guests: David Pugh, Principal

3. **Approval of prior minutes (date October 2025)** approved by Heather , seconded by Diane J.
4. **Review of the Agenda-**

5. Administration Report:

- Feeling more settled after strike, reviewing routines (like two 'Septembers'), overwhelming majority is getting on with the work of learning and teaching
- Huge amount of buzz in the news around classroom complexity, big report released, excellent article in G&M for Canadian perspective
- School Survey VM students tracked for four years , we are trending up except anxiety and depression but we want those to go down!
- Mr. Pugh proud of the VM community 'feel safe coming to school' type questions
- Significant improvements, even with the break in school
- We want to continue improving cultural representation, so kids feel included
- Two Assistant Principals help with progressive discipline and Mr. Pugh and teachers feel supported
- Wrestling underway - one divisional meet at Genesis Centre
- Volleyball - we have enough coaches who have agreed to coach teams
- Intramural program underway for all students
- ODL overnight was cold but overall successful, Mr. Rusty leaves for Antarctica leaves on Saturday
- Lunch hour - D&D two classrooms now! Board games optional , everyone goes outside for the second half of lunch. A few kids need to be supported to head outside promptly, managing winter fairly well
- Heritage Trip is a go, solid group of students with Mr. Hall and 36 kids 13:1 ration now
- Sailing trip, 14 students (one boat) are interested. Mr. Pugh is optimistic that one boat is okay. He'll discuss with them, and perhaps West Ridge would be an option to have two boats. Mrs. Lima is the teacher in charge of that.

- Band camp Gr. 8 and 9 with music teacher he stays there for one week then they go home, then school sends Gr. 7 to him on bus (first week April) The music teacher stays there (Kiwanis location)
- Holiday planning : No dance but activities, photo booth for Graduation (too hectic), low key rotations for Dec. 19 last day
- SDP and fees on the website : Focus on Numeracy , thank you for the Mathletics and pull out intensive intervention, get feedback and loop other students through. THose that are behind in math will be caught up
- Staffing updates and high school tours for kids planned (they are good to go)
- Hopefully all the h.s. Guidance counselors to deliver the same information at the same time (one in one gym , another school in the other gym, and Bowness in a classroom)
- Teacher conferences, hybrid and in person , were okay, not ideal, but Mr. Pugh thanked parents for the feedback. Some technical issues for parents this year. For this year , keeping the same hybrid format was easiest due to returning to school after the strike. Suggested to ask parents if there were others that had challenges with tech. Some other formats might be looked at next year. Students' parents have to see so many more teachers now with four different teachers ; Math , Science, ELA, and Humanities . Lots of parents saw PE teachers.

6. Chairs Report: none

7. New Business:

- Patricia Bolger potential visit , possible dates aim for **March** or back up **May**

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm. Next Meeting Jan. 7th , 2026