

Vincent Massey Jr. High School, Calgary, Alberta

**Vincent Massey School Council Meeting**

Meeting Minutes - Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2025

1. Call to order at 6:35 pm
  
2. Attendance -Quorum met for the meeting: Yes  
**Parents:** Heather Thompson, Rachel Sawyer, Chris LeBihan, Jane Radiff, Nadia Hutton, Jacqueline Cornett-Ching, Rayelene Andersen, Angela Hoza  
  
**Admin. Guests:** David Pugh, Principal, Jen Laurendeau, Assistant Principal
  
3. **Approval of prior minutes (May 7<sup>th</sup>)** approved by Stacey, seconded by Jane R.
  
4. **Review of the Agenda-** nothing to add
  
5. **Administration Report:** Busy time of year. Grade 9 band tour at elementary feeder schools and then they went bowling for wrap up. Delayed River Watch trip happened and it was a fun wrap up activity that was very successful with environmental learning with science testing. The rafting was a great physical activity in nature with paddling (wind wasn't a problem this year). David spent time with some classes, so did AP; Jen at Edworthy grade 7 – Indigenous residency. Each administrator went out at least once for time with the program (plant life, interpretation through science and then through cultural lens, the Indigenous guide / teacher was so knowledgeable; the trapper tent in the auxiliary gym downstairs was fantastic). ODL's ten days trip had perfect weather – only a bit of rain, 7 days of reasonable weather, not too hot.

T&F meet is tomorrow- wrap up athletics at Foothills Track. First PAT technology system worked well, the dismissal process was effective and well received, honouring learners who need different times with parent permission. School planning – building class lists, finalizing scheduling, only down a couple of teachers, we have a couple of teachers on leave. At this point not a lot of staffing movement. EAL assessments year end reports underway. Highlights of student surveys (CBE, provincial, etc), David will talk in the fall about decreasing sections of the surveys (i.e. welcome at school up six percent, students feel supported, students scored “my school has high expectations” is positive, note but feeling their culture is represented is down). Teenage years are unique so to interpret the data with this lens.

6. **Chairs Report:** Rayelene Andersen

\$500 credit card gift card criteria is specific criteria (goal – parent involvement in their children’s learning) Diane had suggested multicultural books. David supports this “tools in multiple languages” is the appropriate criteria. This is underway. We will buy the books.

Teacher appreciation luncheon \$2,000 has come in on Healthy Hunger. This is very generous and appreciated very much. David and administrators will ensure that ALL students, teachers, assistants, office, custodian. We are looking at ways to recognize everyone’s contributions. Active until June 15<sup>th</sup> to donate.

Parent asking about PATs, are VM admin aware of any selling of PATs exams and using photos of questions for ChatGPT apps at another school in the city. The students check in their phones and then have a burner phone. Interesting topic of discussion. At VM the principal spoke to the students together to set the tone: Do your best, and David went over the consequences if you are found cheating and explained this all to them in advance. There are always challenges with computer vertical screens. Ongoing monitoring and discussions with students to focus on their own accomplishments with PATs as preparation for high school exams. Middle school students are being educated about obvious AI use, not anti-AI, simply discussions, balance, and ongoing education.

7. **New Business:** none

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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