

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

Meeting Minutes - Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026

1. Call to order at 6:32 pm in Learning Commons
2. Attendance -Quorum for meeting achieved yes
Parents: Rayelene Anderssen, Audrey Newcombe, Jane Radiff, Heather Thompson, Rachael Sawyer, Chris LeBihan, Jacqueline Cornett-Ching, Stacey Zurburg

Admin. Guests: David Pugh, Principal, and Meghann Springett, Assistant Principal
3. **Approval of prior minutes (December)** approved by Jane Radiff , seconded by Rachel Sawyer
4. **Review of the Agenda-** nothing to add
5. **Administration Report:**
 - Thanks for the teacher gift of food and activity day items were well received
 - Meghan took over for David and she reported it was a busy and successful week
 - Activity day went well , grade 7 santa sleigh with candy STEM program was fun , baking pop culture trivia was great, staff and student costume make the day fun, good spirit overall
 - Band concert Thursday evening that week had robust attendance , great vibe in the building, genuine excitement and pride in the program
 - Rusty returned from Antarctica , his trip was great, now we are deciding how to bring that back his learning to school, perhaps some links to grade 8 water systems (Science)?
 - Wrestling was unfortunately a shorter season but good. David went to Genesis Centre to watch, he was proud of athletes who were brave and stepped up in a challenging sport
 - We had a diverse group and we won Sr. boys and Sr. girls category. Three enthusiastic expertise coaching to teach wrestling are a wonderful asset to our school's athletics program
 - Volleyball teams and coaches are underway; Matches start 21 and 22 of January and run the full season (not shortened), kids are excited and many Grade 9 boys tried out for the first time, which administration was impressed with and again proud of the students' attitude and bravery to try something new with classmates.
 - ODL Ski camp gr. 8 with be January 19
 - Band camps confirmed week after March Break (teachers stay out there and trade off) same week as sailing
 - Jan. 28 next term change over. The Gr. 7 option wheel, all the gr. 8 and 9s have new options

- Report Cards Feb. 24 - for elementary collecting body of evidence , gives the teachers a bit more time due to the strike in the fall
- High school semester courses (that's when they end) so they have kept that the same
- SDP - Feb will be a formal presentation for that meeting , David presents data, slide show and hopefully encourage other parents to attend
- System wide PD is end of January; The topic of Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be the focus , calibrating how we will respond, how can we manage the use of AI responsibly?
- Anita Crowshoe was here, she connected with self-identified students to build relationships about identity; then Gr. 8 leadership students have asked to choose things around the school that they want to do; For example they led the Gr. 7 walks for Indigenous day in the fall, they are seeing themselves as allies to Indigenous work, feeling important and valued as leaders.
- Anita also worked with staff. She is invaluable in the support of all students through self identity of Indigenous or Metis (a parent asked for clarification of this term for reference).
- If our staff know which students self-identify then we can give them the support they need for academic success , we are all here for the students at VM.

6. Chairs Report:

Rayelene asked the Ward 6 and 7 councilor , Patricia Bolger, if she would attend one of our School Council Meetings; Patricia is tentatively thinking of attending the May meeting. Perhaps, as a committee , we can think of ways to get parents out to hear Patricia Bulger speak? It was suggested including an invitation with mention of food? It's important we begin to get more new parents to attend our meetings for succession plans.

On Wednesday, January 21st Rayelene will be attending the School Council of Alberta provincial meeting, if any one else can attend in person please consider joining her.

Healthy Hunger check in with Jane Radiff, the pretzels today were a hit , Kernels on January 21 (order five days prior) and having the students from leadership hand out the food has been a great system, they love doing it and it's helpful rather than trying to find parents at lunch time to do this task.

Break for Ramadan (February / March)

June - teacher appreciation request via Healthy Hunger works extremely well to ask the student body's parents for donations.

7. New Business: none

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.