

School Council

Minutes - Wednesday February 4, 2026

6:30 p.m. School Learning Commons

1. Call to order - 6:33 pm

2. Attendance - Quorum achieved for meeting

Parents: Heather Thompson, Rayelene Andersen, Jane Radiff, Krista Leonty, Stacey Zurburg, Ruby Gupta, Rachel Sawyer, Jacqueline Cornett-Ching, Andrew Kwon, Chris Le Bihan

Admin: David Pugh, Jen Laurendeau

3. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: Moved to approve JANUARY 2025 minutes by Stacey Z; seconded by Jane R. *Carried*

4. Review of agenda and accepted as presented

5. Administration report

School Development Plan SDP engagement presentation included a slide show about aligning curriculum expectations to fees to gather opinions from parents in a variety of ways (i.e. surveys). David will walk us through the CBE parent SDP powerpoint. NOTE: parents present tonight completed a post-presentation four-question survey tonight as feedback to CBE that the presentation was completed.

Opening: a 3-minute video was shown. Posted documents on VM website. Parents should be getting an email (Grade 7 students' families) with a code for parent opinions. Some Grade 7 parents at this meeting confirmed they received the CBE generated email already.

- SDP - VM goals include Literacy and Numeracy will improve (i.e. writing and number sense) and as well student well-being (i.e. agency)
- How is this all measured? Report Cards, consistent from school to school, Grade 9 PAT results (provincial achievement tests), and survey the students (i.e. we notice that students perceive that racism is addressed)
- VM has common assessments between classes, across grades, and teachers can provide admin with accurate timely assessments when asked at any point
- Talking Circles provide qualitative information once a month to gauge student well-being or issues that come up (students can always pass, as many times as they wish)
- Collaboration is part of learning excellence in Mathematics, as is getting up out of seats and using whiteboards, windows etc.

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- Engage students in self-assessment (i.e. this is used for the options wheel)

Budget part of SDP presentation:

VM received approximately 5 million dollars, of which 96% is for staffing. We are left with \$167K to run the school. This is why we have fees (i.e. field trips, extra currc, in school activities, fine arts, sports, all have course fees) called cost recovery. There is a guide for parents , a public transparent link of CBE about fees. We charge a fee after the council subsidy. IF a task in a core subject is mandatory then it must be accessible to all students. If it's enrichment, and optional then there may be a fee.

Gathering feedback from parents tonight:

- Does your child benefit from the goals , outcomes, and actions, and resources in SDP?
YES
- The learning of all students is reflected and prioritized in the goals, outcomes, actions, and resources?
YES

6. Chair's report

- a) Patricia Bolger ward 6-7 Trustee coming in May (invite sent, she has RSVP'd that she's coming) let's advertise this and Patricia will present. Rayelene wants to have questions from parents ready. David will help with structure after March Break to promote.
- b) COSC attended by Heather & Rayelene, we sat with parents from our ward to brainstorm about issues in our schools (i.e class size). Rayelene is wondering how to spend the \$500 following the rules that were explained (i.e. guest speaker)
- c) Cookies sale - Valentine's , break for Ramadan (then Healthy Hunger starts again in March) all going well with Leadership. Jane met with the Music Parent Council, who are using VM Skip the Depot account and monies would go to the band (any parent can donate through this program). Jane helped organize the next Kernels to let Band run the whole event and earn the money. It was a successful brainstorming session to help get Music parents and kids working to fundraise based on Jane / Krista's experience (i.e. they came up with a selling ice cream type event)

7. New Business:

Mix up with December AGM minutes . They were posted, but they should not be up until next year. Rayelene making it clear that there was missing information about elections at the 2025 AGM. Chris and Rachel said they'll fix it next year.

8. Next meeting - **March 4th , 2026**

9. Adjourn - 730 pm.