



Vanier Catholic Secondary

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School Council Meeting September 2017 Principal's Report

1. Enrolment as of September 5, 2017:

	September 2017	May 2017	September 2016	September 2015	September 2014
Grade 8	75	75	72	78	68
Grade 9	74	79	78	62	69
Grade 10	78	62	62	69	73
Grade 11	58	65	67	72	70
Grade 12	65	77	75	69	76
Room 1	6	15	20	17	20
Riverfront	11				
YAC/YOF	6				
TOTAL	374	373	374	367	376

(Class Size Maximums: Grades 8 & 9 – 26; Grades 10-12 – 28)

2. Staffing

	September 2017	September 2016	September 2015	September 2014	September 2013	September 2012
Administration	2.0 FTE*	2.0 FTE	2.0 FTE	2.0 FTE	2.0 FTE	2.0 FTE
VCSS Teaching Staff	28.3 FTE	27.5 FTE	26.7 FTE	29.0 FTE	30.0 FTE	31.0 FTE
SRP Teaching Staff	2.2 FTE**	3.7 FTE	3.7 FTE	3.5 FTE	3.0 FTE	3.0 FTE
TOTAL Teaching Staff	32.5 FTE	33.2 FTE	32.4 FTE	34.5 FTE	35.0 FTE	36.0 FTE
Educational Assistants/RT	11.0 FTE	14.0 FTE	12.0 FTE	9.75 FTE	8.5 FTE	8.5 FTE
Office Staff	2.5 FTE	2.5 FTE	2.5 FTE	2.5 FTE	2.5 FTE	2.5 FTE

* = 0.5 Principal + 1.5 Vice-Principal for 2017-2018 / 2018-2019

** Was 3.7 FTE minus 1.0 (YOF) and 0.5 (YAC) = 2.2 FTE (Room 1 and Riverfront) – see below

SRP = Young Offenders Facility, Youth Achievement Centre, Riverfront School, Room 1 Resource Room

- Staff list is attached
- LJ London will be Temporarily Assigned as our Office Administrator while Alex is on her maternity/parental leave until August 2018.
- JD Caudle and Stefans Jackson are currently on leave.

3. Programming

- Oversight of Young Offenders/Youth Achievement Centre programming was shifted to a “Regional Principal” – could have budget/staffing implications
- Gr. 8 transition went well - Orientation Day was on Sunday, August 27 in the afternoon and was very well attended
- Applications of Physics 11/12 and Science and Technology 11 have been created as a combined class – Engineering 11/12.
- All-City Band has begun to work more closely with our music department
- Post-secondary visits (and interest to visit) have begun
- Grade 8 vision screening will begin soon

4. Revised Curriculum / New Graduation Requirements

- 5 Curriculum in-service days for 2017-2018 are as follows:
 - i. October 6 – Secondary, discipline-based collaborative groups – hosted at Vanier
 - ii. November 10 – TBD – Current topic is assessment
 - iii. January 19 – Dr. Katy Arnett – ELL researcher/specialist
 - iv. February 23 – Yukon First Nations 101 (presented by Yukon College)
 - v. April 26 – Secondary, discipline-based collaborative groups, Pt. 2
- Humanities and Scimatics 8 & 9 have begun to plan collaboratively
- School is still seeking software solutions to best implement outcome-based grading/reporting
- Reporting practices for 2017-2018 will be consistent with current practices

5. Activities and Events

- See attached calendars (September/October)
- Ryan’s finalized leave calendar (attached)

6. School Growth Plan

- School Wide Writes and DART spring administrations are scheduled.
- School Growth Plan for 2017-2018 will continue our writing goal with special attention to ELL students.
 - i. We anticipate 2018-2019 SGP will have a significantly different focus

7. Professional Learning Communities / Homeroom

- PLCs are every third week, on average – 2:30 until 4:00 pm with both a staff meeting / professional development component
- Homeroom groups were redistributed this year
 - i. Splits into Grade 8-10 (Core competency focus) and Gr. 11/12 groupings (Grad Transitions focus)
- Additional Wednesdays will be used as ‘X’ blocks where time for school liturgies/celebrations are made up.

8. Facilities/Capital/Budget

- The picnic tables for the outdoor classroom have arrived and the contractor is working on the finalized drawings to begin work on the stage and electrical work.
- Both gym floors were refinished as scheduled
- Due to an increased scope of the work after the tender was awarded (replacement of valves), the heating control system upgrade was delayed until next summer, but is still scheduled to go ahead
- School van garage was brought up to code.