



# Vanier Catholic Secondary

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## School Council Meeting May 24, 2016 Principal's Report

### 1. Enrolment as of May 19, 2016:

	May 2016	April 2016	September 2015	September 2014	September 2013
Grade 8	77	77	78	68	60
Grade 9	63	64	62	69	66
Grade 10	70	70	69	73	73
Grade 11	68	68	72	70	74
Grade 12	67	67	69	76	82
Secondary Ungraded	21	21	17	20	15
TOTAL un/graded	366	367	367	376	370
Total in system	369	370	381		

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

### 2. Staffing

	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
VCSS Teaching Staff	27.5 FTE	26.7 FTE	29.0 FTE	30.0 FTE	31.0 FTE
SRP Teaching Staff	3.7 FTE	3.7 FTE	3.5 FTE	3.0 FTE	3.0 FTE
TOTAL Teaching Staff	33.2 FTE	32.4 FTE	34.5 FTE	35.0 FTE	36.0 FTE
Paraprofessional Staff (EA/RT)	???	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

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

- Additional ELL staffing may materialize in the fall.
- We are still waiting for paraprofessional allotment (EA/RT)

### 3. Programming

- ThinkFAST was on April 29/30 and almost 100 students participated.
- Grade 10 and 12 retreats were presented.
- Grade 9 and 7 retreats are upcoming.

- A very successful multicultural day was held on May 13 that included presentations, lessons, and great food.
- Brigance and KTEA tests are being administered.
- DART and SWW were administered. Results have been shared are part of the school growth plan.
- We are going ahead with a multi-grade advisory group structure during X block times next year that would be called the “Homeroom”. Our plan is that the students would stay together from year to year (with grads leaving and new Gr. 8s being added) with a new teacher assigned each year. Lessons/activities for each class would be provided by the administration and cover topics such as:
  - i. Course selection and planning
  - ii. Career planning
  - iii. Mental health and wellness
- Listening to feedback on the structure of holding back Gr. 8 students during PLC to catch up on work. If feedback is positive, we will extend this to grade 9 students next year.
- Bell schedule will change next year as presented at the last council meeting (X Block/PLC will move to Wednesdays).
- Humanities and Scimatics 8 & 9 are all scheduled at the same time to allow for mixing of groups.
- Students from France are visiting Whitehorse.
- Planning Cycle for 2016-2017 is well underway:
  - i. Teacher surveys – done!
  - ii. Update course selection materials – done!
  - iii. Presentations to students and parents – done!
  - iv. Input of course selections into ASPEN – done!
  - v. Receive teacher allotment – done!
  - vi. Prepare and submit staffing plan – done!
  - vii. Post and Fill for vacant positions – in progress
  - viii. Develop master time table – almost done!
  - ix. Fill student schedules – next week!
  - x. Distribute timetables – Target date: June 14 or earlier

#### 4. Activities and Events

- See attached calendars (June/August/September)

#### 5. School Growth Plan

- Our revised growth plan continues to focus on Writing as an overall school goal with targeted interventions for ELL students and Grade 8/9 students.
- We will continue to work on the SGP primarily during PLC time.
- We are asking our student focus group for help in how we can better share the content and strategies of the plan with students so they can hold teachers accountable.
- For the following 3-year SGP we are considering working on flexible delivery of classes and will start collecting data that may inform that choice.

6. Professional Learning Communities

- Bell schedule will change next year to have X/PLC blocks on Wednesday afternoons (rather than the current Fridays).
- Staff agreed that in 2016-2017, PLC time would be designated as “staff meeting” time requiring all staff to attend.

7. Facilities/Capital/Budget

- Capital requests for 2017-2018 budget were submitted.
- Renovations to create an additional gender-neutral bathroom are complete.
- Capital projects that will likely proceed this summer – above ground fuel tank, building control upgrade design work.
- Sea Canisters in lieu of the fenced compound were installed this month.