



Vanier Catholic Secondary

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School Council Meeting November 24, 2015 **Principal's Report**

1. Enrolment as of November 18, 2015:

	November 2015	October 2015	June 2015	September 2014	September 2013
Grade 8	79	79	65	68	60
Grade 9	65	65	69	69	66
Grade 10	71	70	74	73	73
Grade 11	69	70	72	70	74
Grade 12	67	66	75	76	82
Secondary Ungraded	19	19	25	20	15
TOTAL un/graded	370	369	380	376	370
Total in system	376	373			

- Class Size Maxima: Grades 8 & 9 – 26; Grades 10-12 – 28)
- As of November 18, there are 72 registered in Gr. 7 at CKES and HFES
- Applications for next year's Gr. 8 class are starting to be received

2. Staffing

	September 2015	September 2014	September 2013	September 2012
Administration	2.0 FTE	2.0 FTE	2.0 FTE	2.0 FTE
VCSS Teaching Staff	26.7 FTE	29.0 FTE	30.0 FTE	31.0 FTE
SRP Teaching Staff	3.7 FTE	3.5 FTE	3.0 FTE	3.0 FTE
TOTAL Teaching Staff	32.4 FTE	34.5 FTE	35.0 FTE	36.0 FTE
Educational Assistants/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

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

- An additional 0.225 FTE was allotted for ELL, bringing our total to 0.925 for the year. This will be included in semester 2 postings.

3. Programming

- We are continuing to investigate using ASPEN for outcome based grading and reporting – the department is looking at schools in BC who are doing this.

- Jud Deuling and Dave Thomson are travelling to Vancouver to observe Thomas Haney Secondary, a school that uses a flexible, self-directed timetable for many students.
- Take our Kids to Work Day – 3 kids shadowed the Commissioner.
- Post secondary visits
- Religion Retreats
 - i. Gr. 12 – Grad Transitions and Faith Journeys

4. Activities and Events

- See attached calendars (December & January)
 - Nov 25 – Anilee Retirement Potluck Lunch
 - Nov 30 – Advent Celebration
 - Dec 7 – Montreal Massacre commemoration
 - Dec 8 – Administration Pancake Breakfast
 - Dec 18 – Alumni Day and Talent Show
 - Jan 6 – Epiphany Celebration
 - Jan 18 – Christian Unity Celebration

5. School Growth Plan

- Goal continues to be “to improve student writing” with particular focus on strategies that will, in particular, most assist our English Language Learners.

6. Professional Learning Communities

- Department heads are now in charge of planning and reporting on PLC activities. Activities must be aligned with the SGP.
- Students are dismissed early from school. Grade 8 students (decided not to apply this to grade 9 students this year) will only be dismissed early if they are given permission from core academic teachers.
- PLC meetings will, again, focus primarily on the School Growth Plan. Department heads will create a plan for each of their groups and report to admin team monthly.

7. Facilities/Capital/Budget

- The Joint Use Agreement with the City of Whitehorse has been brought forward by many principals as problematic. There has been no further word on this.
- We continue to develop our chapel space. We would like to name it in honour of the Oblates and hopefully dedicate it the next time an Oblate is in town!