



Vanier Catholic Secondary

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School Council Meeting October 27, 2015 Principal's Report

1. Enrolment as of October 22, 2015:

(Note: Enrollment reports are being run from our new Student Information System which seems to be under-reporting our total enrollment by grade – September numbers may be revised once we figure it out!)

	October 2015	September 2015	June 2015	September 2014	September 2013
Grade 8	79	79	65	68	60
Grade 9	65	64	69	69	66
Grade 10	70	70	74	73	73
Grade 11	70	70	72	70	74
Grade 12	66	66	75	76	82
Secondary Ungraded	19	19	25	20	15
TOTAL un/graded	369	368	380	376	370
Total in system	373	374			

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

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

3. Programming

- Some teachers are learning the ASPEN gradebook software while others have elected to remain with their preferred software solution for this year. Need to help students/parents understand that the software helps provide evidence for a grade; the teacher uses professional judgement to determine the final grade.

- All Candidates Forum and Student Vote conducted prior to Federal Election.
- Food Drive was very well supported and we continue to send students to help sort and store food items
- Young Women in Technology and Trades – 2-day format was appreciated by students, not so much by teachers!
- A Department Authorized Course Proposal has been drafted and submitted to First Nations Partnerships and Programs for initial review.
- Sandra Herbst attended to provide 4 model lessons for staff – teachers from other schools attended.
- Religion Retreats
 - i. Gr. 11 – First Nations’ Spirituality – Gatensby Brothers (Carcross)
 - ii. Gr. 10 – “Who is my neighbour?” – Downtown service orgs.
 - iii. Gr. 8 – “Let your light shine” – Mt. MacIntyre
 - iv. Gr. 12 (*scheduled for November*) – Planning for the Future

4. Activities and Events

- See attached calendars (November & December)
 - Remembrance Day Ceremony – November 10 @ 11 am
 - Nov 23 – Alex returns ☺ / Nov 25 – Anilee leaves ☹

5. School Growth Plan

- School Wide Write for all grades was completed and scored. Data has been analyzed and shared with teachers.
- 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

- 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. We have not had problems, but would like to see the agreement amended to prevent some.
- No further updates (since those shared last month) from Yukon Education on the status of the following projects:
 - Shop ventilation
 - Mezzanine wall
 - Fenced compound
 - Oil tank replacement

- The contract for the cafeteria has been signed and the new operator has been in operation for three weeks.
- Education and PMD are in ongoing discussions on service levels/reporting structures, etc.