

**Vanier Catholic Secondary School Council**

**Wednesday October 17th 2012**

**7:30 pm**

**Minutes**

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**Members Present:**

Paul Flaherty  
Dianne Tait  
John Berg  
James Mooney  
Terry Prenolso  
Ed Frisson  
Kyle Jansen

**1. Opening Prayer**

Paul led Council in prayer.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Dianne, seconded by Jamie to approve the agenda as presented.

**3. Appointment of Chair and Secretary Treasurer**

After a discussion of interest in the role among the members followed by a vote, Paul was chosen as the Chair and John Berg as the Vice Chair.

It was agreed by Council to appoint Yolande Cherepak to the role of Secretary Treasurer.

**4. Minutes of September 13th Meeting**

It was acknowledged that Council was not in a position to approve the minutes as the majority of Council were not present at the September meeting. Paul will distribute the minutes for the information of Council for the next meeting.

**5. Principal's Report**

Ed highlighted items from the Principal's Report. He also indicated that the Bishop would be meeting with staff on October 23rd and that he would also be joining one of the Professional Learning Community (PLC) teams as he becomes more engaged in the school.

A request was made of Ed by one of the Council members that an itinerary be made available for all field trips for the benefit of parents prior to the trip occurring.

It was also highlighted that the Policy on Same Sex Attraction was posted on the website and would be highlighted in the upcoming school newsletter. Dianne and Jamie will try to attend the full day meeting the Department of Education is holding on November 20th to discuss this subject.

**6. School Growth Plan**

Ed provided copies of the School Growth Plan and the subsequent School Review Report for the members to take away and review. He also provided Council with School Data from a number of sources highlighting student performance.

7. **School Policies - Attendance & Conflict Resolution**

Ed provided each Council member with a copy of the School Handbook which includes among other things: the Mission Statement for the School, the Statement of Values and Beliefs, Admissions Policy, Religious Education Policy, School Expectations and Behaviour (including discipline) and approach to attendance Ed also distributed a draft Dispute Resolution Policy that the Department of Education has been working on.

Council will review the contents of the various documents and identify any questions or interests at the next meeting. The draft Dispute Resolution Policy will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. **Align on Code of Conduct & Code of Ethics for Council**

Paul distributed sample policies that Council could consider for each of the above. It was agreed that decisions on these policies would be added to the next meeting agenda.

9. **Committee Appointments**

Dianne and Terry will be the representatives of School Council on the Catholic Education Association of the Yukon (CEAY) Executive Committee.

James and Terry will be the representatives of School Council on the School Growth Plan Committee.

John and Paul will be the representatives of School Council on the Building Advisory Committee.

Subsequent to the meeting, John has agreed to be the representative of Council on the Department of Education Secondary School Program Planning Advisory Committee.

10. **Other**

• **School Council Meeting Schedule**

It was agreed that Wednesday at 7:30 pm was the preferred time for meetings.

**Meeting Dates:**

November 28th	February 20th	May 15th
December 12th	March 27th	June 12th
January 16th	April 17th	

• **Web Site**

Ed indicated he would post contact information for each Council member on the Vanier School website.

• **Goals for next Meeting**

Council would appreciate any demographic information that Ed could provide on the students in the School.

Discuss the situation with regards to the closure of the F.H. Collins gyms and the potential impact on Vanier.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm