

Vincent Massey Collegiate



Governing Board 2014-15 MEETING NO: 3

Minutes of the second meeting of the Governing Board (GB) of Vincent Massey Collegiate held on Monday, November 17, 2014, in the Staff Room of the school.

Present:

Panetta, Chiara
Vitale, Connie
Sasso, Anna
Roberts, Todd
Frenna, Melina
Saracino, Frank
Marra, Laura
Pittman, Andy
Nino Cavallaro
Speranza, Rocco

Gagnon, Vincent
Spilak, Ivan
Rosa, Marco
Pevac, John (Principal)
Ancona, Lisa (Vice-Principal)
Darlene Williams

Also Present: Laforest, Gabrielle

Conte, Santina
Conte, Mario

Regrets: Galati, Paolo

1. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Ivan Spilak, seconded by Frank Saracino and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda as is.

2. Approval of June 2014 GB Minutes

Tabled to the next meeting.

3. Approval of October 2014 GB Minutes

It was moved by Ivan Spilak, seconded by Rocco Speranza and unanimously resolved to adopt the GB minutes.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

It was brought to Loft des Enfants' attention that there is a big discrepancy between the boys' to men's polo sweater sizes. They said that they will look at making XXL for youth or XS for men.

Ms. Gail Giannakis is not able to fulfill her mandate as community representative, so Mr. Pevac suggested we go back to our list and contact Mr. Mario Marrazza.

New field trips have been added for this year and have passed by Staff Council

Secondary 2: Boston

Secondary 3: Chicago

Secondary 4: Washington

Secondary 5: New York

5. Question Period

The administration was asked about two recent incidents and we were assured that they had been dealt promptly and with the security of all students at heart.

6. Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

6.1.1 Acceptance letters went out on October 24. Response deadline is November 21. We are accepting 165 students. We need another vice-principal for our school not only in the Fall but immediately; Royal West and Royal Vale both have two vice principals. Here at VMC Staffers don't have the chance to see the administration because they are so busy! We need to make Mr. Ortona, our new commissioner, aware of this problem!

6.1.2 Gym update- Contractor is now projecting December 17, 2014 as a completion date. Classrooms are done, elevator functions, gym painted and changing rooms have a hairdryer.

6.1.3 Five of our students: Christina Aladas, Dalia Renzullo, Vinsusan Valautham, John Vitulli and Janet Yang were given entrance scholarships to Dawson because they had over 90% averages!

6.1.4 Congratulations to our Glee club, The Clef Notes, did very well at the competition on Sunday. Mr. Pittman remarked that our kids did not have the bling others had but our students were great!

6.1.5 Three of our soccer teams made the GMAA Championships -three silvers.

6.1.6 Two of our soccer teams made the French League finals – the Midget Girls won.

6.1.7 Introduction of CST Math 504 for secondary 5 students.

6.1.8 Field Trips

Teachers: Ellinger, Fombuena
Department: Athletics
Destination: East Rutherford, N.J.
Dates: December 18-19
Level(s): basketball players
No. of students: 44
Objective: NCAA Basketball
Cost: \$1165
Transportation: Coach

It was moved by Vincent Gagnon, seconded by Darlene Williams and unanimously resolved to approve the field trip.

Teacher: Etheridge
Department: Art
Destination: NFB
Dates: DEC 15
Level(s): 3
No. of students: 28
Objective: Asked by the NFB to pilot a workshop that will be launched nationally on animation.
Cost: \$10
Transportation: SCHOOL BUS

Teacher: Speranza
Department: Spiritual Community
Destination: Ogilvy's
Dates: DECEMBER 3
Level(s): 1-5
No. of students: 5 – Be the Change Committee
Objective: Toy Tea
Cost: FREE
Transportation: STM

It was moved by Ivan Spilak, seconded by Chiara Panetta and unanimously resolved to approve the field trips.

Teacher: Cavallaro, Administration
Department: Major Level Field Trips
Destination: Boston
Dates: April 22-24
Level(s): 2
No. of students: 100
Objective: Major Field Trip
Cost: \$400
Transportation: Bus

It was moved by Rocco Speranza, seconded by Chiara Panetta and unanimously resolved to approve the field trip.

Teacher: Administration
Department: Major Level Field Trips
Destination: Chicago
Dates: April 22-24
Level(s): 3
No. of students: 100
Objective: Major School Trip
Cost: \$500
Transportation: Bus
No. of students: 52
Objective: MAJOR FIELD TRIP
Cost: \$550
Transportation: BUS

It was moved by Rocco Speranza, seconded by Anna Sasso and unanimously resolved to approve the field trip.

6.2 Delegate Report

- Study habits and related matters concerning how much and what kind of homework our children are receiving were discussed and whether the teachers were communicating with each other?
- Region believes that Laval students make up 50% of our student population at VMC, (this is not the case however – they only make up approximately 20% of our population); Region asking how we can attract more students to our region by opening another 240 school in the East End.
- "How can we help our students not only succeed, but do exceptionally well at the elementary level, by enhancing our students' study habits at home and by understanding how much and what kind of homework is assigned. RPC1 feels that this will ensure that our students transition well into high school, be more at ease and less stressed. RPC1 also feels that another Article 240 school in the East End will ensure that our board retains more of our high achievers, rather than lose them to private high schools."
- What parents can do to partner up with our teachers and improve the students' learning experience at home.
- the subject of a second vice-principal at VMC was brought to Ms. Paola Miniaci's attention. She replied that the subject was under discussion even though the people needing to discuss the matter have not had a chance to meet.
- It was announced that Vincent Massey has signed up for the *alternative to suspension program* at Don Bosco in partnership with the YMCA, RRM and EMSB.
- We also had comments on our Open House...some thought it was great and others thought that our bathrooms could have done with a cleaning and that our cheerleaders' skirts were a little on the short side.

6.3 House News

Gabrielle Laforest, senior Fire House rep and Santina Conte, senior Water House rep, presented the following information:

- This was the first year that we had a haunted house in the cafeteria for Halloween and it was a great success.
- Costume contest winners: Zoe Heffring-The Quenn of Hearts, Matteo Matera-Harry Potter, Vincent Eletto-SpongeBob, Gabriel Guerra-Mailbox, Giordano Mandato-Rubix Cube and Simone Rosa-Death Stroke. Grioups: Mimes and Alexander Vespa-George Bush and his bodyguards.
- Tricks for Treats: we collected cans for the needy.
- The Remembrance Day committee has been selling poppies at lunch. Veterans came to the classes.
- House Shirt Day- November 27
- First dance will be held on December 19. The theme is "a cozy Christmas at home". It will take place during periods 6 and 7. More details will soon be announced.

- The secondary one students recently participated in the 7 habits for highly Effective Teens and they accumulated house points. The standings have remained the same: Fire-Wind-Water-Earth.

Mr. Rosa proposes that House News pass at the beginning of the meetings.

6.4 Correspondence -- no correspondence.

7. Varia

A secondary 2 student by the name of Gianna performed at Superfantastico and was a great success.

A parent reminded us to be careful when collecting cans to look at expiry dates. Mr. Speranza assured him that we are very vigilant. The parent also suggested that students not only bring in canned goods, but toiletries too.

Next meeting will be held on December 16. Being that it is close to the holidays, it is suggested that we make it is a pot luck!

Being that no further business was left to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Ivan Spilak at 8:49.

Chiara Panetta - CHAIRPERSON

JOHN PEVEC - PRINCIPAL

Minutes respectfully submitted by Anna Sasso, secretary.