



VCHS Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday January 24th, 2023

6:30 PM

In Person

People & Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. These are the meeting grounds, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Nakota Sioux, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, and Métis. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

Attendance – Cheryl Semeniuk, Michelle Gladys, Deniene Zaseybida, Bryan Butler, Randy Pond & Teresa Derosier

Parents: Michelle, Deniene, Bryan

Staff: Cheryl Semeniuk, Randy Pond & Teresa Derosier

Trustee: Randy Footz (not in attendance)

Others: Minute taker is Michelle Gladys

1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

Deniene called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda

- Add in teacher report.

Michelle made a motion to approve the agenda. Bryan seconded. All in favor.

3. Approval of the Minutes from last meeting

Bryan motions to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded by Deniene. All in favour.

4. Student Council Report – Piper Kobbero

- Due to exams, no Student Council Report

5. Trustee Report – Randy Footz

- Randy was not in attendance, so no Trustee Report

6. Principal Report – Cheryl Semeniuk

- The School Fee Consultation – when we start planning for the 23/24 school year. This would be the initial parent consultation for the fees. Initially emailed on Dec. 19th, 2022 and then put into the weekly Newsletter and created the fee consultation survey which is included on the website and Prowler. This first meeting includes current years fees, and the proposed fee categories:
 - Option Class Fees – ie. Art, food, construction, drama, etc. Fee is cost recovery based on consumables that are used during that class.



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- Field Trip Fees (activity fees) – transportation, admission, accommodation, etc. Usually associated with curriculum (complementary to the curriculum), but not necessary to meet the curriculum. Strictly fee recovery. Calculate the costs and divide it by the number of students.
- Extra-Curricular Fees – athletics and sports. Covers the bussing, uniforms, etc.
- Non-Curricular Fees – ex. Band trip
- Non-Curricular Goods & Services – like student council fees, grad fees
- The survey ran all of January and has been advertised in the Prowler, Online and by email, currently has 14 responses. Responses so far are: (choices of fees are appropriate, too high, or insufficient.)
 - Options courses – 86% fees are appropriate and 14% insufficient.
 - Activity/Field Trips – 86% appropriate, 14% would prefer to see more field trip opportunities
 - Extra-Curricular Activities (Sports, intramural, clubs, etc) – 86% appropriate, 7% too high, 7% would like to see them higher
 - Non-curricular Goods & Services (Student council & Grad) – 100% appropriate
- Fee increases are usually capped to increases of about 5% with a preference to keep them the same, if possible due to rising costs. For certain non-curricular trips (like band trips) there must be a cost recovery and it must get approved by the board.
- AB Education Assurance Survey will be going out to families in February.
- Remind parents that Returning Student Registration opens Feb. 1.
 - Jan. 31 in Sherwood Park – high school info. Night. Principal's from all high schools will be in attendance.
 - Feb. 13 – Vegreville Composite High School (grades 10-12) open house @6pm. A chance to tour the school, ask any questions, etc.

7. Teacher Report – Randy Pond

In general, I like to find out from parents what their ability in art is. It is essential that grade 7 students learn essential skills in their artistic development, so they have the basic tools to use going forward. Here in Vegreville, we have a unique opportunity to teach foundational skills to the students. And offer art Grade 7 through Grade 12. This year the VVA had an art show before Christmas that students had the opportunity to enter, and some won awards. Art is a class where you are building on your skills. Having an Art 10, 20 & 30 option in our school has been very rewarding. Parent feedback has been that they are happy that Veg Comp has Art as an option. It's a great class for stress relief and a break from the core classes. Hopefully, we can start having more artists coming into the school from the community to talk about art.

8. Fundraising Foundation Report – submitted by Sabrina Komarniski

Casino Account: \$163.39 General Account: \$5,530.00

- We did just spend \$1,147 on gym stage mats and badminton equipment, which was an outstanding purchase from a fundraiser we did last spring.
- Casino funds should be in soon
- Follow-up item – has the school submitted their wish list to the foundation? Staff wish list submissions are due to Cheryl by Feb. 1st.

Question: does the student council get to put in a 'wish list'?

Response: The student council budget comes from the fees. But student input into the foundation wish list is a good idea and Cheryl will bring that forward at the next Student Council meeting.



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9. COSC Representative Report – Deniene Zaseybida

- No meeting in December
- Minutes from Jan. meeting are not out yet.
- The next meeting is in February. Will have an update at the next Parent Council meeting.

10. Old Business

- Organizational Voting of the 2022/23 School Council Executive – Vice Chair position remains vacant 2022/23 School Council Executive.

11. New Business

- Revised School Council Bylaws – carried forward
- Cheryl will put together a draft & put forward at Parent Council for input

12. Next Meeting – early March...Tuesday, March 7th @6:30pm Virtual

13. Motion to adjourn meeting:

Michelle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm