

**VANIER CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

November 2, 2021  
Learning Commons – 7:00 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Members:**

Ian Davis, Chair  
Truska Gorrell  
Sue Ross

**School Administration:**

Kyle Janzen  
Alethea Wallace

**Guests :**

Desiree Martsinkiw  
Andrea Lefebvre  
Max, Annie and Isaiah (NET Team)

**Regrets :**

Monica Lauer

	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
<b>1. <u>OPENING PRAYER:</u></b> Ian called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and Kyle opened in prayer.	
<b>2. <u>WELCOME/SPECIAL THANKS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truska –To Monica Best for the thoughtful Thanksgiving celebration.</li> <li>• Truska – To AYSCBC for an extremely informative weekend presentation.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. <u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u></b> Agenda for the meeting was previously distributed. <b>MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented. Moved by Truska, seconded by Sue. All in favour.</b>	<i>Carried</i>
<b>4. <u>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</u></b> Minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2021 were previously distributed. <b>MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 5, 2021 as presented. Moved by Sue, seconded by Truska. All in favour.</b>	<i>Carried</i>
<b>5. <u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u></b> All items are listed in today’s meeting agenda.	
<b>6. <u>NET Team</u></b> Council met the NET team members – Isaiah is the supervisor, Max and Annie are co-leaders. Discussed highlights so far and retreats. NET team is older this year, focussed on working with middle school age youth and high school. Well received so far in the school – many teachers inviting them to join classes. Good reception at Grade 11 retreat; Grade 8 retreat taking place tomorrow. Council requested that the team come back to a council meeting before they leave in May.	
<b>7. <u>STANDING REPORTS</u></b>	

<p><b>a. Principal/Vice-Principal, School Growth Plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal’s report previously distributed. Items of note included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Covid vaccine mandate – Expect this will be in place by the next meeting.</li> <li>– Capital Budget – <b>ACTION:</b> Kyle to bring to the next meeting.</li> <li>– School Growth Plan – First meeting to be held Nov 24. Kyle indicated that Truska will attend on behalf of School Council.</li> <li>– Allergy Awareness Policy – Policy brought forward to Council. Similar to the one at FH Collins. It is solely an awareness of nut allergies, since that is the most common and dangerous allergy. The policy will be distributed to all staff and Kyle will share in his weekly email. Kyle is committed to ensuring that all staff be made aware of where the Epipens are located in the school.</li> <li>– Principal requested discussion on changing number of reporting periods from six to eight as the current format for eight does not seem to be providing value. Council requested further information to review. <b>ACTION:</b> Principal agreed to provide summary of issue ahead of next meeting for council to discuss and make a decision.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>b. Catholic Education Association of Yukon (CEAY):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful AGM held on Oct 19. Ian has agreed to continue as Co-chair for now. Looking to support the Catholic PD Day in May.</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Occupational Health and Safety Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent meeting discussion included: capital budget, ventilation, safety in the parking lot and signs. Science chemicals have been safely disposed of; art chemicals will be done later in the school year.</li> </ul> <p><b>d. Secretary-Treasurer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank reconciliation tabled to the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION: To approve reports as presented. Moved by Truska, seconded by Sue. All in favour.</b></p>	<p><i>Kyle</i></p> <p><i>Kyle</i></p> <p><i>Carried</i></p>
<p><b>8. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Minister’s Visit to December meeting – Topics for discussion with the Minister (to occur on December 7) to include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Approval of school’s name change</li> <li>– Plans for Vanier facility in the next ten years</li> <li>– Status of Polarettes facility</li> <li>– No maintenance contract with the PA system</li> <li>– Upcoming changes to the EA allocation formula</li> <li>– Recruitment of more TOCs</li> <li>– Implementation of inclusive and special education</li> <li>– Mental health counsellors for students</li> </ul> <p><b>b. School Name Change</b> – Still awaiting confirmation.</p> <p><b>c. Council Vacancies</b> – Still awaiting confirmation of new counsellors.</p>	
<p><b>9. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u></b></p>	

<p>a. <b>Remembering Wanda Robbins</b> – A card to be signed by council members will be purchased by Ian and signed by all members.</p>	<p><i>Carried</i></p>
<p><b>MOTION: Contribute \$500 toward Wanda’s reception after the Celebration of Life on November 20. Moved by Ian, seconded by Sue. All in favour.</b></p>	
<p>b. <b>Topics from AYSCBC Meeting</b> – Truska provided information on discussions at the meeting. Presentations were made by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. First Nations Education Directorate – there are currently 6 councils signed up and two or 3 more expected to join.</li> <li>b. Annette King provided her report on attendance and suggested using creative ways to encourage young people to attend.</li> <li>c. Ryan Sikkes, ADM, presented a short report. Spoke of the Nov 12 summit and indicated the need to recruit TOCs was now down to 20 from 50 at the start of the year. Noted the importance of councils being involved in decisions with respect to their school’s capital budget. Councils can set the Covid requirements higher than those recommended, but not lower.</li> <li>d. Dr. K Smart spoke to the fact that many children/youth are dealing with developmental trauma. Systems need to change both in medicine and education. Of the top 38 countries for child well being, first is Netherlands, 38<sup>th</sup> is Chile, and Canada sits in 30<sup>th</sup> place. In response to questions, she suggested that mental health is a huge issue and that if groups work together e.g. paediatric association, AYSCBC (and by extension CEAY) together we can request government to bring in more mental health providers into the schools. Ian agreed to take that back to CEAY executive.</li> </ul> <p>c. <b>Crosswalk on Lewes Blvd</b> – Ian had received a letter from a local resident with respect to having a crosswalk near the alley that the youth cut through. Discussion also ensued re: speed issues. Ian to contact the city bylaw about speed on Lewes. Since there is a crosswalk close to where the youth traverse, council didn’t feel that another one would be put in so close. Council discuss making another sign similar to one created for use crossing to the Baptist church when space was used as a study hall. OHS committee will discuss. Ian to respond to the writer.</p>	<p><i>Ian</i></p> <p><i>Ian</i></p>
<p><b>10. <u>ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS</u></b></p> <p>No items at this time.</p>	
<p><b>11. <u>NEXT MEETING DATE</u></b></p> <p>Next council meeting to be held on <b>Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm</b> in the Learning Commons.</p>	
<p><b>12. <u>IN CAMERA</u></b></p> <p>Council entered In-camera at 8:01 and exited out of camera at 8:07 pm.</p>	
<p><b>13. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b></p> <p><b>MOTION: Made by Truska for adjournment at 8:08 p.m. All in favour.</b></p>	<p><b>CARRIED</b></p>