

**VANIER CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

*December 7, 2021  
Zoom Online – 7:00 p.m.*

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Members:**

Ian Davis, Chair  
Truska Gorrell  
Sue Ross  
Desiree Martsinkiw  
Kyla Piper

**School Administration:**

Kyle Janzen  
Alethea Wallace

**Guests :**

Hon. Jeanie McLean – Minister, Education  
Nicole Morgan – DM, Education  
Amy Ryder – Special Assistant to Minister  
Paul MacFadyen - Superintendent  
Michael Johnson  
Bruce & Michelle Gillard

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

Monica Lauer

	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
<b>1. <u>OPENING PRAYER:</u></b> Ian called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and Kyle opened in prayer.	
<b>2. <u>INTRODUCTIONS/WELCOME TO GUESTS</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special welcome to Minister McLean and department officials. Roundtable of introductions undertaken.</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 Kyla. All in favour.</b>	<i>Carried</i>
<b>4. <u>DELEGATION/GUESTS</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister McLean thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting.</li> <li>• Topics of Interest Discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Approval of school’s name change – Minister supports the name change. It is currently being reviewed by Policy. Hopes to have it presented before Cabinet soon.</li> <li>– Plans for Vanier facility in ten years – Currently developing new school for Whistle Bend area. Minister interested in receiving further information re: pressure points for Vanier. First priority is safety of students within the school. Heating issues an issue in the school and the PA system. Nicole Morgan asked that Kyle keep Chris (HPW) informed of issues we are having with the building. Minister to follow up on issues.</li> <li>– Status of Polarettes facility – This is a priority area for YG; Department of Community Services has issued a contract for the building of a standalone facility. Minister will get an update and advise school of status. Aware of suggestions to rebuild high</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<p>school – there are currently many pressures coming from all directions. Will ensure Vanier voices are heard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Upcoming changes to EA allocation formula – Current model developed in 2015 that is based on enrolment. Seeking to review this – developed working group for Special Education. Minister encouraged council members to become involved in these committees.</li> <li>– Recruitment of more TOCs – Department continuing to work to improve TOC availability. Seeking to open up lines of communication with the schools as needed to ensure they are supported.</li> <li>– Implementation of inclusive and special education/Mental health counsellors – Minister seeking input from council and school staff on this. Can deploy more resources as they are required. DM suggested Vanier work with its Superintendent to discuss our priority areas. Minister seeking to refocus on the wellbeing of children.</li> <li>– Question and Answers – Minister and Deputy Minister then answered questions from the floor.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. <u>SPECIAL THANKS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ian</b> – For Kim Hart and her team for cleaning out the mezzanine.</li> <li>• <b>Truska</b> – To the Minister and all guests who attended our meeting this evening; attending our meeting, for our guests this evening too and our new council members.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. <u>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</u></b></p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of November 2, 2021 were previously distributed.</p> <p><b>MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 2, 2021 as presented. Moved by Sue, seconded by Truska. All in favour.</b></p>	<i>Carried</i>
<p><b>7. <u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>All items are listed in today’s meeting agenda.</p>	
<p><b>8. <u>STANDING REPORTS</u></b></p> <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 Exposure Notices – School has only had two exposure notices since the last meeting. Masks are now required in all classrooms.</li> <li>– Proposal to reduce the number of parent communications of learning at the school from 10 to 8 – for those who require a failure report, and 6 for all others. Among other advantages, this allows teachers to avoid reporting twice within three weeks, often a redundancy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION: To accept the communications proposal as provided by Kyle. Motion moved by Truska, seconded by Sue. All in favour.</b></p> <p><b>b. Catholic Education Association of Yukon (CEAY):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report at this time.</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Occupational Health and Safety Committee:</b></p>	<i>Carried</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent meeting discussion included: enhancement of the crosswalk on Lewes Boulevard including flashing light with button and possible reduction in speed to 40km in that area. Committee will submit request for a crosswalk review and possibly discuss with the RCMP re: speed reduction. Committee will discuss further at December meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>d. Remembering Wanda Robbins</b> – Funds originally directed toward the reception at Wanda’s celebration of life (which did not take place, due to Covid), will be redirected as a donation.</p> <p><b>MOTION: To donate \$500 to the BC/YT Children’s Wish Foundation in memory of Wanda Robbins. Motion moved by Ian, seconded by Sue. All in favour.</b></p> <p><b>e. Secretary-Treasurer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank reconciliation distributed prior to the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION: To approve reports as presented. Moved by Truska, seconded by Sue. All in favour.</b></p>	<p><i>Carried</i></p> <p><i>Carried</i></p>
<p><b>9. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion not required – discussed previously in the meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Allocation of roles among council</b> - After discussion, council will undertake the following roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Growth Plan – Kyla</li> <li>ACSTA – Sue</li> <li>CEAY – Sue</li> <li>Chair - Ian</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Bank Account Change</b> – Will discuss at February meeting.</p>	
<p><b>11. <u>IN CAMERA</u></b></p> <p>Council entered in-camera at 9:22 pm and exited at 9:35 pm.</p>	
<p><b>12. <u>NEXT MEETING DATE</u></b></p> <p>Next council meeting to be held on <b>Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm</b> – most likely online meeting by Zoom.</p>	
<p><b>13. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b></p> <p><b>MOTION: Made by Truska for adjournment at 9:36 p.m. All in favour.</b></p>	<p><b>CARRIED</b></p>