

**VANIER CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

*March 1, 2022
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 :

Paul McFadyen – Superintendent
Heather Mislav – GSA Delegation
Mitchell Rudolph – GSA Delegation
Bishop Hector Vila
Bill Willoughby

Secretary/Treasurer:

Monica Lauer

	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>1. <u>INTRODUCTIONS/ WELCOME TO GUESTS:</u> Ian called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed all guests to the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. <u>OPENING PRAYER:</u> Kyle opened the meeting with a prayer.</p>	
<p>3. <u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u> Agenda for the meeting was previously distributed. Item 8 e “Other Committees” was added to the agenda. MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended. Moved by Truska, seconded by Sue. All in favour.</p>	<i>Carried</i>
<p>4. <u>SPECIAL THANKS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truska – To Janet Clarke and Alethea Wallace (OH&S) – For their ongoing efforts on following up re: ongoing OH&S items. • Truska – To Heather Mislav – for her award of excellence from Yukon government and her social justice work. Thank you for all your efforts. • Paul – To the Vanier School Council members’ dedication and commitment to the school. • Ian – To Truska and Alethea for their persistent work to get officials with the City of Whitehorse to come and deal with the ongoing OH&S crosswalk issue. 	
<p>5. <u>MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</u> Minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2022 were previously distributed. MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 1, 2022 as presented. Moved by Sue, seconded by Truska. All in favour.</p>	<i>Carried</i>

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Letter to Minister – will discuss later.

Catholic School Board / New Bylaws for CEAY – Ian will speak with John Williams (CEAY).

7. DELEGATIONS/GUESTS

• **Gay/Straight Alliance**

- Heather and Mitchell appreciated being able to speak with Council today. They provided background information on the setbacks they faced regarding the recent Valentine’s Day initiative undertaken by GSA and the Social Justice Club.
- They expressed their concern and upset at the hostility displayed by fellow students at the distribution and the display of progressive flags in classrooms and around the school (done with teachers’ permissions). They proposed that there be more discussion about the LGBTQ community and more exposure provided by teachers and the school on this subject.
- Council thanked Heather and Mitchell for their attendance tonight and indicated that they should return to a council meeting whenever they wish to provide an update on how things are going. Council would also like to be advised if there is anything it can do to assist.
- Paul McFadyen also thanked Heather and Mitchell for coming tonight and providing this information.

8. STANDING REPORTS

a. Principal/Vice-Principal:

- Principal’s report previously distributed. Items of note included:
 - Ongoing absences at the school, students and staff.
 - MS Teams – now uploading assignments for students.
 - Makeup numeracy and literacy assessments will be done in Apr/May.

ACTION: Kyle to provide Council with the average mark on these assessments once completed.

 - School Messenger now fully operational.
 - Report cards being distributed on April 4.
 - School Survey will be out for students in early April. Council can add questions to the survey.

ACTION: Council to consider possible questions for survey and submit to Ian. Ian will provide to Kyle before end of Spring Break.

Kyle

All

b. Catholic Education Association of Yukon (CEAY):

- One application received by CEAY for the Executive Director position. As CEAY members, Ian and Paul Murchison will be holding the interview.

c. Occupational Health and Safety Committee:

- Held meeting last week. Ongoing issues are:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Crosswalk at Lewes Boulevard – Met with a City of Whitehorse engineer at the crosswalk. He agreed that signage is required – expect signs to be posted no sooner than July. – Vaping in Girls’ Bathrooms – Will put up signs to indicate vaping not permitted. Administration has stepped up visits into the bathrooms. <p>ACTION: Kyla to contact Health Promotions Unit of YG to ask about possible assistance for this issue.</p> <p>d. Secretary-Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank reconciliation distributed prior to the meeting. • Annual Council donation toward the graduation folders – cost will be \$1,200.72. <p>MOTION: To approve payment by Council for the graduation folders. Moved by Truska, seconded by Sue. All in favour</p> <p>e. Additional Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive and Special Education – Kyla and Desiree have been participating in these committees. Work is ongoing but slower than anticipated. <p>MOTION: To approve reports as presented. Moved by Sue, seconded by Truska. All in favour.</p>	<p><i>Kyla</i></p> <p><i>Carried</i></p> <p><i>Carried</i></p>
<p>9. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name Change – No further update available at this time. • Letter to Minister – Ian sent the letter to the Minister. When a response is received, Ian will distribute it to Council. 	
<p>10. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Nothing additional at this time.</p>	
<p>11. <u>IN CAMERA</u></p> <p>Council entered in-camera at 8:27 pm and exited at 8:42 pm.</p>	
<p>12. <u>NEXT MEETING DATE</u></p> <p>Next council meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm – hoping to meet in person in the Learning Commons.</p>	
<p>13. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>MOTION: Made by Truska for adjournment at 8:43 p.m. All in favour.</p>	<p>CARRIED</p>