



St. Veronica School Council Agenda/Meeting Minutes



MEETING DETAILS:

Date:	April 26, 2021
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	Invite sent by e-mail for on-line meeting

ATTENDIES:

Kevin Dolan – Principal	Lydia Kapralos - Parent
Anabel Villers - Chair	Karesia Oblitey - Parent
Stephanie Medina - Treasurer	Geri Moroney – Teacher Representative
Jacqueline Wallace - Secretary	Marion De Los Reyes – Parish Rep
Luz del Rosario - Trustee	
Catherine Mar - Parent	
Adrianna Medyk – Teacher Representative	CC:
Chevril Shaw - Parent	Patriacia Valenti - Parent
Nadia Lebar - Parent	

AGENDA ITEMS:

1	Call to Order - Chair
2	Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory - Chair
3	Opening Prayer & Welcome – K. Dolan
4	Review of Minutes from Feb meeting - Chair
5	Chair's Report
6	Principal's Report /Ministry Updates – K. Dolan
7	Review of Treasurer's Report
8	Parish Representative Update
9	Committee Reports
10	Other Business – Future Meetings
11	Adjournment – 8:00 p.m.

Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory

We would like to acknowledge that we are on sacred Indigenous territory and thank the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation for being stewards of this land.

St. Veronica School Prayer

Dear God, Creator of all, Lord of all.

**We thank you for the people you have brought together
in this beautiful setting, in this warm community.**

**Lord, You call us to be holy, loving, accepting;
to show compassion,
to encourage and bring out the best in each other.**

**Thank you for Your gift of love at St. Veronica,
Help us to be a school community that is grateful for our gifts,
Help us to be a school community that is growing in faith.
Teach us to live in awe of your wonderful creations.**

**Help us live the gospel values of compassion and love
through our learning.**

**Open our hearts and work through us so that we make a difference
in our school and our community
as Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, did.**

**May all who enter
the doors of St. Veronica
be welcomed and accepted as individuals
gathered together to be a true family of God.**

We ask this in the name of our Brother,

Your Son, Christ Jesus.

AMEN

MINUTES: February 22, 2021

	Agenda Item	Actions/Decisions	Present er or Respon sibility	Timeli nes
1	Call to Order	Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory	A. Villers	6:30 pm
1	Opening Prayer & Welcome	K. Dolan led Council members in prayer	K. Dolan	
3	Review of Minutes from Previous School Council Meeting:	Minutes for the Feb, 22 Meeting - Motion to approve: Stephanie - Seconded: Jacquie	Chair	
4	Chairs Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stephanie and Anabel attended the Public budget consultation for 21/22 where they reviewed next years' budgets and constraints. This has been posted on the St Veronica website - There is also a thought exchange survey for feedback on the budget located in the budgets and constraints report - Never too Young to Talk about Racism presentation. Anabel, Jacquie and Kariesha attended and commented that the resources she provided were very good - Luz del Rosario Report: - Numbers are extremely low this year and mostly because the kindergarten parents decided to keep them at home. - There were many other parents that decided to home school as well to keep them off the screen - Another problem is that there are no vaccines for students yet and a shortage for adults - Also SPEC ED teachers are hosting them in-class and those teachers have been vaccinated as St Marcellinus hosted a vaccination clinic last week - Graduation: It will be a virtual Graduation and the memo explained as such to the Principals. - They will be doing photos for the graduating students only - The pictures will be taken on June 14th and Mr Dolan has ordered the banner as well - QUESTIONS: - (AV) Why is the technology so slow to fill the orders: - (LDR) Was under the impression that everything has been ordered. Requested that Mr Dolan send her an email with the missing items - Mr Dolan ordered 15 new laptops for teachers and only received 3 - (AV) Missing the fully alive curriculum when our kids are at the on-set of puberty. How will this be resolved? - (LDR) Superintendent has advised that they are to hold off because it is under the Bishop's review 	Chair	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (AV) Leave of absences with the teachers is still leaving the classes with un-taught curriculum - (LDR) We are interviewing and there are not a lot of applicants - Before Covid we had teachers knocking on our doors and we couldn't place them, but now since Covid has hit and we can't find any applicants... some are health comprised, or other Covid related issues - This lack of interest from LTOs started from back in September and now since January it is even worse - The push now is to get our teachers vaccinated to make them feel more comfortable - - - Parent Engagement on Thursday Feb 25 - 		
7	Principal's Report /Ministry Updates	<p>School Information:</p> <p>Remote learning started on Tuesday, March 30th for St. Veronica students - due to not having enough staff physically present in the building because of recent covid cases which caused some staff to self-isolate.</p> <p>Staff were provided with a remote liturgy to use with their students on Holy Thursday.</p> <p>Following the Easter Break schools were asked to go remote until otherwise notified by the Ministry.</p> <p>Outdoor Education Grant:</p> <p>Outdoor Education Grant was used to order Phys. Ed. equipment – total of \$4000.00 was granted. Thank you to Mrs. Moroney and Mrs. Magi for placing the order.</p> <p>X-Movement:</p> <p>The X-Movement has been booked at part of the virtual field trip grant – total of \$1000.00 was allocated. On May the 11th each remote class will be invited to access a live feed just for our school where instructors will lead the students from a remote location in a variety of fun activities to support student mental health and well-being.</p> <p>Grade 8 Graduation:</p> <p>Grade 8 student hoodies have arrived. Students will have the opportunity to pick them up at the school next Monday, May 3rd during the day. Tables will be set up either indoors or outdoors to distribute the hoodies. A letter will be sent home to parents this week.</p>	K. Dolan	

		<p>Graduation photos have been booked with Edge Imaging for Monday, June 14th. Photos will be taken in the front foyer or in the gym. More information will be sent to parents in the letter regarding graduation.</p> <p>A banner has been ordered to Congratulate our 8 Graduates. It should arrive at the school in two weeks. We will have it mounted on one of the walls outside. Parents and graduates can use this as a backdrop for photos. School Council may wish to consider covering cost of Graduation Banner \$ 259.90</p> <p><u>Graduation Gifts/Tokens</u> – It has been suggested that we purchase a gift/token for each of our graduates which could come from the school council. Mr. Dolan suggests the composite be purchased for all students. 42 students x approx. \$35 each = \$1470 plus tax. Costs and taxes to be confirmed by Edge.</p> <p>Mr. Dolan has a vendor list for Grad. gifts if school council would rather consider a token for each graduate.</p> <p>During the next few weeks Mr. Dolan, the Grade 8 teachers and other staff will meet as a Graduation committee. Items to be discussed are the liturgy and awards ceremony (awards will also be ordered for last year's graduates when we order for this year).</p> <p>Catholic Education Week:</p> <p>Catholic Education Week is the week of May 2-7th. The theme is Nurturing Hope. Teachers will be inviting parents to visit their remote classroom during a particular time this week. A letter will be sent home to parents with a link to the mass on Wednesday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Staffing:</p> <p>Presently our school has 6 staff on a leave. We are in the process of trying to get an occasional teacher for a Kindergarten fully remote class (new leave) and a French/Planning Time position. Mr. Dolan has been involved in occasional teacher interviews (3 last week). Jobs have been posted on Apply to Education. One of the candidates that Mr. Dolan interviewed is available to start the remote JK/SK class next Monday. Mr. Dolan has notified parents and students of the changes in the google classroom. Welcome to Miss. Catania our new JK/SK remote teacher.</p>		
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8	Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$602 in the FlipGive account - \$500 still remaining for families in need - Water filling station has not been invoiced yet and it may be covered by the board, but we have to wait and see so the funds will stay on account for now - \$450 allocated for Communion and Confirmation – (Mr Dolan will try to get a list of the names who have had their Communion and Confirmation for this year and last year) - \$450 also for grad awards, but we will double it to \$900 to cover this year and last year as last year awards were not purchased - \$259 approved to cover the Grad 8 banner - As for council paying for the composite, comments were to prefer not to cover that this year - Had to take Chromebooks from a Chromebook cart and half of them were damaged so in the future we will need a new Chromebook cart 	Treasurer: Stephanie Medina	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As for the funds we still have in the budget we would like to keep that and use it for technology next year. A cart costs approximately \$6k or smart boards - Council has approved to cover the cost of the Chromebooks - 		
9	Parish Representative Update	Parish updates (if any) were provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing to report for the rest of the year 	Marion de Los Reyes	
10	Spending of 2019-2020 Council Funds	Fundraisers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FlipGive ongoing - 	Council Discussion	
11	Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (CM) Question regarding school boards that have sent out a survey for learning modes next year – communication has not come out yet to confirm what options will be offered - (CM) requested a rain barrel for the garden. Council approved the purchase – garlic is coming up well, parsley, oregano, thyme and chives - Next meeting dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 7th 	Chair	
12	Adjournment	Meeting will be called to adjournment	Chair	8:15pm