

VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE

Minutes of Governing Board Meeting No.1 for 2011-2012

Held on Sept 14, 2011 in the Teachers' Lounge

IN ATTENDANCE :

<u>Parents :</u>	Chiara Panetta, Ken Bissonnette, Connie Vitale, Elena Santagata, Jovan Antunovic, Frank Saracino, Laura Marra
<u>Teachers</u>	Darlene Williams Natalina Vidal, Enrico Di Maio, Marco Rosa, Vincent Gagnon
Professional Support Staff	Tina Stoupakis Andy Pittman
Administration	John Pevec, principal Mark Ellinger, vice-principal
House Representatives	Maria Gallo (Fire house chief) and Brittany Buffone (Water house chief)
Community Representatives	Melina Frenna

ABSENT: none

Observers: about a dozen parents who attended the General Assembly (attendance was not taken)

1. Approval of the Agenda:

It was moved by N. Vidal and seconded by K. Bissonnette to approve the agenda of the meeting as proposed by Mr. Pevec to be:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Nominations for the positions of: Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary
3. Nominations for community representatives
4. Schedule for VMC GB meetings
5. Approval of June 2011 minutes of the GB meeting
6. Business arising
7. Question period
8. Principal's report
9. Varia
10. Adjournment

Approved unanimously – motion passed.

2. Nominations for:

Chairperson by Frank Saracino: Chiara Panetta accepted

Vice-chairperson by Laura Marra: Frank Saracino *accepted*

Secretary by Chiara Panetta: Laura Marra *accepted*

The General Assembly appointed Connie Vitale *as Regional Delegate* and Ken Bissonnette *as Alternate Regional Delegate* (see minutes of the General Assembly)

3. **Nominations for Community Representatives:** in order of preference, the nominations for community representatives are: Mario Marrazza (last year's community rep); Melina Frenna (a school parent); Mary Zenaitis (a former teacher at VMC). Chiara will only contact Mrs. Zenatis if Mr. Marrazza declines. Melina accepted nomination and attended this meeting.
4. **Schedule for VMC Governing Board:** The following dates were selected for regular meetings:
September 29, 2011 October 13, 2011
November 3, 2011 December: no planned meeting

The dates for future GB meetings will be selected at a later date.

Special Date - October 3, 2011: Parents will be convocated to a "Town Hall" meeting in order to discuss the different scenarios that can be presented for in the brief with respect to the major school change.

Parents are reminded that information regarding the major school change is available on the EMSB website under GOVERNANCE>CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENTS and in the GB meeting minutes. A link will be added to the VMC website.

Mr. Pevec suggested that the GB send a letter to parents indicating that that the different scenarios will be presented at the meeting and that parents will be asked to vote on the issue. The address for parents to obtain information, available on the EMSB website, should be included in the letter. Parents are reminded that the GB can come up with an additional scenario and propose that one to commissioners.

5. **Approval of minutes of the meeting of June 15, 2011:**

It was moved by K. Bissonnette and seconded by C. Vitale to approve the minutes of the June 15th meeting - Approved unanimously – motion passed.

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

The Annual Activity Report / Financial Report: is being prepared by C. Panetta and will be presented at the next GB meeting. October 31st is the deadline for submitting the report to the Communications Division at the EMSB. GB Financial Report- there is no rollover from last year. As usual, the GB has \$250.00 available.

7. **Question Period:**

Q by Robert Buffone (parent): What would be the consequence of a move? What are the pros and cons for the students? Would we move for only to have a better facility? To increase VMC enrolment?

A by Mr. Pevec: GB will be presenting both scenarios at the “Town Hall” meeting. Enrolment could increase but will likely be capped as Royal West’s has. In the present facility, children are not serviced properly; they need more than what the present facility has to offer. The present facility does not allow for students to have the required physical fitness time. We are presently turning away good candidates due to lack of space. The Long Range Planning Committee makes recommendations to the Council of Commissioners who are voted in by parents.

Q: by a parent (name not noted): Can the GB meeting minutes be posted on the website as well as the GB meeting dates, including cancelled and rescheduled dates?

A: by Chiara: yes

8. **REPORTS :**

8.1 Principal’s report:

8.1.1 Enrollment for 2011-2012: 155 new students enrolled from the 160 that were accepted; total enrollment is 747 compared to 752 in 2010-2011. There are 40 teachers on staff. There are 6 Sec.1 groups for 155 students. Classes are relatively small- only 1 group has over 32 students.

8.1.2 Annual report of our School was presented by Mr. Pevec (document attached).

It was moved by C. Vitale and seconded by F. Saracino to approve the Annual report of our School as presented- Approved unanimously – motion passed.

8.1.3 Major School Change: Mr. Pevec presented a feasibility study for a new gymnasium at our present school location. The proposed gym dimensions are bigger than the ministry guidelines. The gym would be attached to the north side of the building perpendicular to the present school halls. This way there would be 2 accesses to the gym. The estimated price of this proposal is \$3.2 million. Parents have come up with \$124,000 in donations for the school improvement fund; for the moment, it is assumed that the Ministry and the EMSB would fund the balance.

The Director General will be requesting, in addition to the gymnasium, 4 additional classrooms. The cost, including these requests, was not estimated.

8.1.4 House news (presented by House reps):

House shirt day and Sec 1 ice breaker was fun. Upcoming is a Games Day for the whole school. Also, the House council room is being revamped.

8.1.5 Field trips

1.1.1.1 Teacher: R. Goldman
Department: extra-curricular

- Destination: local area ski hill
 Dates: Jan 12-13, or Feb 9-10, or Feb 16-17
 Level(s): 1
 No. of students:
 Objective: healthy lifestyle, participation in x-curricular
 Cost: 250
 Transportation: coach
- 1.1.1.2 Teacher: D. Williams
 Department: Art
 Destination: Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
 Dates: Sept 27
 Level(s): 5
 No. of students: 50
 Objective: J.P. Gauthier exhibit (photography and self-expression)
 Cost: 7
 Transportation: public
- 1.1.1.3 Teacher: A. Letourneau
 Department: FLE 3
 Destination: Movie theater
 Dates: once per term
 Level(s): 3
 No. of students: 32
 Objective: critique French movie
 Cost: \$8
 Transportation: public
- 1.1.1.4 Teacher: S. Rossy, A. Letourneau
 Department: french
 Destination: cinema
 Dates: once per term
 Level(s): 2
 No. of students: 161
 Objective: Quebec culture
 Cost: \$8
 Transportation: public
- 1.1.1.5 Teacher: T. Carola
 Department: geographie
 Destination: Beauharnois
 Dates: first week of October
 Level(s): 2
 No. of students: 90
 Objective: hydro electric dam
 Cost: 10
 Transportation: school bus
- 1.1.1.6 Teacher: T. Carola
 Department: geographie

Destination: St. Hilaire
Dates: Fall
Level(s): 1
No. of students: 32
Objective: discover local farming practices
Cost: 5
Transportation: school bus

It was moved by V. Gagnon and seconded by F. Saracino that the class field trips proposed by Mr. Pevec be approved -- Approved unanimously – motion passed.

9. **VARIA: no additional points**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**: It was moved by C. Panetta that the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 pm.

CHIARA PANETTA
CHAIRPERSON

JOHN PEVEC Principal

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Marra, Secretary of VMC 2011-2012 governing board.

***How We are Doing:
Speaking to our Goals for Improvement***

Our Annual Report of our School

Vincent Massey Collegiate

September 2011

Our Mission

Our mission is to promote academic excellence within an enriched and structured CEGEP preparatory program.

Our Vision

Our vision is that we can obtain academic excellence by enriching the educational experience for all our students.

Our Directions for Success

□ ***Orientation 1: Academic success in Mathematics***

GOAL: All secondary 3 students will enroll in and successfully complete Math SN (secondary 4), during their current year (90% for 2010-2011). We have implemented accelerated Math in all of our Secondary one, two, and three classes. The success rate in secondary one and two was 100%. All secondary three students were enrolled in math SN 406. The success rate for secondary three students writing secondary four math SN 406 was 94%, down from 97.3% in the 2009-2010 school year, an exceptional year, but still well ahead of our 90% success rate goal for 2010-2011. One hundred and three students have enrolled in calculus for the 2011-2012 school year, up from 86 in 2010-2011.

□ ***Orientation 2 Improve our students' sense of belonging (personal and social learning)***

GOAL: Ninety percent (80% for 2010-2011) of all VMC students will be involved in extra-curricular activities. All of our students are involved in school life (house system) and as such, all students (100%) have been participating in extracurricular activities. Furthermore, 562/752 or 75% of our students were enrolled in after school activities, up from 62% in 2009-2010 and 50% in 2008-2009, but short of our 80% participation target for the 2010-2011 school year. All of our Secondary IV students are registered in Community Service Projects.

□ ***Orientation 3 Acquisition of valuable life skills and healthy habits***

GOAL: All VMC students will participate in workshops/training session, which promote life skills and healthy habits. All secondary one, two, three and four and five students have received the "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" workshop. Four VMC teachers were certified as workshop instructors and give annual 7 Habits workshops.