

**VANIER CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**April 26, 2016 - VCSS Library – 7:00pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members:**

Edith Elder (Chair)  
Michael Lauer  
Maureen Long

**Regrets:** Shanon Cooper, Dianne Tait

**School Administration:** Ryan Sikkes

**Recorder:** Toni Blois (secretary-treasurer)

**Guests/Parents:** Tjitske Vander Eide. **Guest students:** 4 students from Vanier’s Destination Imagination Team

**SUBJECT:**

**ACTION**

1. **OPENING PRAYER** – A reading from Matthew 13 followed by a prayer and reflection - All

2. **BOUQUETS TO:**

- Destination Imagination Team who will represent Vanier in Tennessee.
- Students and chaperones (Ben Creigan, Mike Creigan, and Maria Trainor) who accompanied 14 students to the Dominican Republic.
- Students who participated in the Rotary Music Festival and also shared their talents with the Vanier School community by presenting the “Rotary Review”.
- Staff and students who participated in the recent Catholic Schools Youth Mass.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion to approve the agenda as presented:**

**Moved by:** Michael

**Seconded by:** Maureen

**All in favour**

*Motion Carried*

4. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the March 29, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

**Motion to approve the minutes as tabled.**

**Moved by:** Maureen

**Seconded by:** Michael

**All in favour**

*Motion Carried*

5. **PRESENTATION BY “DESTINATION IMAGINATION” TEAM**

A team from Hidden Valley School and Vanier will represent Yukon Schools at an international competition in Tennessee. Nine people from Vanier will be going to Tennessee with a per-person cost of approximately \$2,000.00 - \$3,000.00.

The team is requesting financial support from Council.

Edith indicated that the request would require discussion and approval from the council members and, once that discussion and a decision was reached, she would be in contact with a member of the team (Marika).

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

*6.1 Guidelines re: Participation in Extracurricular Sports*

- Decided that further review, in particular, by the school’s athletics department was necessary with an aim to have the policy finalized for the 2016 fall semester.
- Edith will resend the draft policy to the council members.

*6.2 School Council Elections*

- For VCSS – election day is May 2, 2016 from 3pm to 8 pm in the Vanier School library

**7. REPORTS**

*7.1 Secretary –Treasurer’s Report*

- The bank balance is \$7,758.02. The ledger balance is \$7,758.02. These amounts do not include cheques issued at this meeting.
- Discussion resulted from this report around the council’s ability to financially support the “Destination Imagination” team. Financial support in the past was \$100.00 per participant; it was agreed to provide the same level of support for this team.
- Edith agreed to contact the council members who were not present at this meeting to get their approval for this decision. A motion would be made via email.

*7.2 Principal/Vice-Principal*

- School Administration highlighted items from the Principal’s Report.

*7.3 SGP*

- Covered in Principal’s report

*7.4 CEAY Update*

- Unavailable due to Dianne’s absence

*7.5 Building Advisory Committee*

- Meeting will be held on April 27, 2016

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

*8.1 Scholarships and Graduation*

- Council agreed to provide the funds to purchase the folders for the diplomas and provide funds for three (3) \$100.00 scholarships: total funds - \$1,000.00.

**Moved by:** Michael

**Seconded by:** Maureen

**All in favour**

*8.2 Parent Concerns re: SC’s contribution to a Faith Formation Fund for Catholic Schools*

- Council discussed said letter and gave parent the opportunity to ask questions and make comments

*8.3 Catholic Education Week and Teach Appreciation Day*

- An insert will be placed in the Sacred Heart Cathedral parish bulletin to raise awareness of Catholic Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Day.
- A letter of recognition and support signed by all council members will go to all Vanier staff next week (week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Catholic Education Week).

<p>8.4 <i>YTG Funding for School Supplies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Much discussion around the proposed funding being made available to school councils for school supplies. It was determined that more clear information is necessary defining the parameters for the funding and subsequent spending.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></b></p> <p><i>9.1 SC Professional Development Fund</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is funding for professional development for school council members - \$500.00 per urban council.</li> <li>• Funds not used in the fiscal year can be carried over into the next year.</li> <li>• Members are encouraged to use it for the spring and fall conferences. As well, the funds are available for out of Territory professional development.</li> <li>• Approval requires a motion in council.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. <u>NEXT MEETING:</u></b> Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:00pm in the VCSS Library</p>	
<p><b>9. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned by chair at 9:00 pm.</li> </ul>	