

Vimy Ridge Public School – School Council Meeting Minutes

Date / Time		
Attendees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kaveeta Ajwani (Co-Chair) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ahmed Fawal (Co-Chair) Members: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Khadija Chhil-Jafferjee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anisa (Treasurer) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dee Wahalawatta, Jaime Nickerson, Amber Labelle, Maria, ? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ammar Albeta, Bud Rya, Carlo Raponi, Dalia Elkhoul, Daniel Eromosele, Edinam Aggor, Julie Hamilton, Marian Eke, Michelle Patenaude, Naima Mohamoud, Randy Balkaran, Sahar Sharbek, Stephanie Lewis, TT, Tani Omar, Marianne	VRPS staff: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trent Tanaguchi (Principal) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colin Halsall (Vice-Principal) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Thorp (Vice-Principal) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Brunet (teacher rep) Reshanna Balkaran
Observers		

Item #	Description:	Notes:
1	Welcome, call to order	Ahmed (6:35PM)
2	Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve agenda: Khadija Seconded: Dee Approved – votes unanimous
3	Approval of previous minutes	Motion to approve: Kaveeta Seconded: Amber Approved - 7
4	Update on financials (Anisa)	Have a balance \$7300 \$11000 for long-term capital project \$35 withdrawal for OCAs membership Nothing yet for lunch program No questions. Motion to approve: Kaveeta Seconded: Dee Approved – votes unanimous
5	Update from Principal (Trent Tanaguchi)	Welcome! Challenging month – thank council and parents and community for being supportive. Welcome Andrew Thorp – new VP This week Bullying awareness prevention week – working with student leadership group and staff team, and community members – by highlighting respective learning environment, and model good character /behaviour looks like. Spirit days to capture school spirit to encourage. Students are enjoying after 2 years of not having that. Positivity. Raptors Call – initiative by primary teachers – demonstrate values

		<p>Woods program</p> <p>Cost of Silence presentation for students in Dec. There will also be a parent info night in Jan</p> <p>Educator interviews happening Thurs and Fri. Progress reports went home last week. If anyone wants a hard copy, you can request the school</p> <p>EQAO -</p> <p>Spirit wear – can show school spirit and also show independence with different colours. Input by Kaveeta - have had a higher number of orders, almost \$3000 more</p> <p>Q by Khadija – comments on spirit day from Facebook – school looked at lots of options. Tried to be as inclusive as possible. In the past there was crazy hair day – but lots of students who wear hijabs that couldn't participate.</p>
6	Update from Teacher Rep (Reshanna)	<p>Ms. Arthur – school book fair. Raised \$6478, which will be spent on new library books</p> <p>Ms. Grove's gr 2 class – have been working on coding. Will have a tech coach come in</p> <p>Primary team – had an assembly to recognize students who showed respect for Oct. For Nov, it is responsibility(?)</p> <p>Intermediates' aghve rec'd funding from board. Will tour art gallery</p> <p>Mme. Marianno – habitat study, doing coding, talking about food chains, using Lalelo(?)</p> <p>Ms. Boulevar – iguanas and belugas – pumpkin patch trip, had lots of fun</p> <p>Popcorn Fridays – Mr. Fulton, Ms. Carp's classes. We might be going to 1 flavour as per Jan, and might to do more than 1 month at a time, but keep in mind that sometimes a parent will miss the deadline to order, and child won't get popcorn for that month</p> <p>Q from Dee – washroom lines time – school has implemented a pass system. Portables come in once during learning block. Ahmed – daughter said there is graffiti issue going on in washroom</p>
7	Committee Updates	<p>OCASC (Intiaz):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will post them on the website <p>Gardening Committee (Khadija):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 wooden plantar boxes at the front entrance. Would like to fill them - Need to reconfirm the standing motion - Once have an idea – send an email to council to vote on the money <p>Fundraising Committee (Kaveeta):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Movie night – postponed to new year - Lunch program – need a lead and not enough volunteer parents. We could set up a portal, could the school hold the council money. Need 4 parents, once a week for 1.5 hours. Need someone to take the lead on setting up and organizing the orders, finding the vendor. Maybe we need to do better

		<p>engagement on why we want to fundraise. Ahmed to put together a small info package on time commitment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action item: send a call-out for volunteers and why we are doing it <p>Safety Committee (Kaveeta):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bullying Parent Session in Jan - There are some challenges with bullying at the school. Many factors. - No matter how many consequences, talks, we still try to get better – includes monitoring on going issues. It is a big student, but even if there is 1 student who doesn't feel safe, then school has to act. - School is engaging in the whole community - Anytime a kid is harmed it is not ok. It is hardest when some kids are harmed multiple times – staff is working with those kids, and the ones who are doing the harming – need to remember that they are kids, so need to understand why they are doing the harming. - There is a tiered approach – tier 1 classroom, tier 2 educators who are not in the classroom all the time who help understand where behaviour is coming from. The kids who are harming are also self-harming, and are expressing their pain in very poor ways. Tier 3 professionals who are in the school, social worker and psychologist, who help advise and support the students and families - Sometimes it is not as easy as suspending the student and thinking that will solve the problem, but is an important tool to allow the staff to set up a plan. There is constant communication with the student who is harmed and the one who is doing the harming. - WITS piece – walkaway, ignore, talk, seek help program. Trying to introduce that to the primary students. Focus is on the seek help aspect. - It is important that students discuss the conflict with their teacher - Suggestion – maybe have the parents get involved - Superintendent has come to the school to discuss specific issues
8	Roundtable / New Business	<p>BeeCity Canada (Maria)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Program started in US by teachers. It is a Pollinator Partnership Program - Is an awareness in schools of how to plant things that can attract pollinators - Inspire cities to take actions to protect pollinators - Shows that the school is making a difference - Students have hands on activities – student led education sessions, outdoor learning about the environment - Maria would like to take the lead on this project - Amber Labelle would like to help with this project - There are 144 schools across Canada already doing this. Ottawa doesn't have a Bee school yet - Can be rolled into the Clean, Green, Gardening Committee <p>Reflex Math and Raz Kids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost is \$32.95 for reflex, - Raz kids: \$238 per license, need 7 licenses - Principal T will cover the cost for now, exact amount to be covered by Council will be voted on at next meeting

		<p>Shade structure for kinder yard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up a meeting with someone from the Board to discuss what can we do - Want something similar to the shade structure that is at Diamond Jubilee Park - Can we look at getting something from a school that was closed recently <p>Kinder Yard supplies. Requesting funds of \$500. Motion put forth by Kaveeta Seconded: Ahmed Voted – unanimous yes</p>
11	Adjournment of meeting	<p>Motion to adjourn: Khadija Second: Ahmed</p> <p>Adjournment: 8:47 pm</p>

Next meeting: Jan 24, 2023