

VERITAS SCHOOL COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday January 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Veritas Staff Room

Attendance-Richard Klein, Flo Sheppard, Erik Hernes, Lynn Cooper, Cindy Huff, Father James, Tamara Berg, Jeannette Hoorneborg (staff rep)
Absent-Cindy Araujo

Opening Prayer-R. Klein

1. **REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**-Motion to adopt the Minutes of December 8, 2022 Meeting: F. Sheppard / E. Hernes-passed unanimously

2. **REVIEW AGENDA -**

Motion to adopt the Agenda: E. Hernes / C. Huff-passed unanimously

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. A/J Roofing-R. Klein still trying to connect with A/J Roofing

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. CISPG/ Chris Dugdale/ Letter-Since the fall, Council has been discussing recruitment concerns with Superintendent C. Dugdale. which resulted in Principal Berg beginning the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in addition to her duties as Principal. There has been ongoing discussion around recruitment strategies and F. Sheppard will draft a response to the latest interactions. L. Cooper will preview it.

B. Council Recruitment-Council members are encouraged to look for new recruits for Council. Father James is aware of two interested parishioners and he will ask them to attend the next meeting.

5. **REPORTS**

A. Maintenance-No special concerns at this time from P. Ramsay.

B. Staff Report-included with Principal's Report

-J. Hoorneborg reviewed the highlights of a very busy December. She also expressed thanks from the staff for the gift cards received from Council.

C. Principal's Report-report attached-FIO-

D. Father James informed Council that at this time \$2490.00 had been collected for Veritas through the special Sunday collection.

E. VPSG-R. Klein indicated that he would attend the next VPSG meeting on behalf of Council.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA AT 7:20: F. Sheppard/C. Huff-passed unanimously

6. **IN CAMERA**

A) DDF Fund (Long Term Goal)-

B) Communication-Follow-up letter to C. Dugdale

C) Financial Report

- Budget-on track-Reviewed by E. Hernes

- MOE grant per student had increased by only \$122.00 per student which did not reflect the salary increase for public school teachers.

-Monthly finances-on track-Reviewed by E. Hernes

. -Delinquent Accounts-There are currently four delinquent accounts. Discussion held and next steps noted.

-Tuition Assistance Requests-Two motions made and approved.

-Student and Family Affordability/ Assistance Grant-Information on this grant will be resent to parents and the deadline for first round review is February 1, 2023.

D) Salaries / BCTF- this added expense other than just Tuition Fee increases. Further discussion of this need is tabled for future discussion.

-Staffing-Welcome to Carol Ramirez. She is taking over the grade four assignment which T. Berg had been covering.

E) No new Family Applications.

F) Other-Principal Berg presented a draft of Veritas School Building and Grounds Plan

-Discussion regarding T. Berg for covering two positions for the first four months of the 2022-2023 school year (T. Berg was excused)

-T. Berg will inform St. Mary's University in Calgary that Veritas is open to having a practicum student, provided a staff member is available to supervise the student.

-FYI-Bishop Jensen will be presenting a Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM on January 31st on budget preparation.

NEXT MEETING-Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 PM

MOTION OUT BY F. Sheppard/C. Huff-passed unanimously Time: 8:45

CLOSING PRAYER—Father James

Chairperson's Signature:

Date: