

VERITAS SCHOOL COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday March 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Veritas School Staff Room

Attendance-Richard Klein, Lynn Cooper, Erik Hernes, Flo Sheppard, Tamara Berg, Jeannette Hoornenborg (staff rep), Sarah Pare (observer-possible new Council member)

Absent-Connie Araujo, Cindy Huff, Father James (Retreat)

Opening Prayer-R. Klein

1. REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES-Motion to adopt the Minutes of February 9, 2023 Meeting: F. Sheppard/ E. Hernes-passed unanimously

2. REVIEW AGENDA -

Motion to adopt the Agenda: F. Sheppard/ E. Hernes-passed unanimously

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. 5Year Plan-For budgeting concerns R. Klein will meet with P. Ramsay early in the new school year to develop the plan for school building maintenance.

B. A/J Roofing-work is still to be completed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. CISPG/Chris Dugdale/Letter-CISPG will not be able to offer any financial assistance for us to purchase an additional facility but would provide useful contacts.

B. Sarah will notify us before the next meeting if she wishes to become a member of Council. Father James is still looking for other candidates.

C. Housing-Further discussion around housing is tabled until the Fall.

D. Scholarship-R. Klein has informed Davey Dosanjh at Caledonia that Veritas will be offering a scholarship award once again continuing with the previous selection criteria established by VSC.

E. First Nations Territory Acknowledgement-Following the Reconciliation Professional Development in Vancouver, T. Berg expressed the desire to have a piece of art and a plaque acknowledging that Veritas School is located on the unceded territory of the Tsimshian First Nations People. Council supported this idea and T. Berg will call for bids for the artwork and develop the criteria to be met i.e. size, cost,

Tsimshian artist. Discussion regarding bid amount and committee to oversee will continue next meeting.

5. REPORTS

A. Maintenance-No special concerns at this time.

B. Staff Report (included with Principal's Report)- J. Hoornenborg highlighted the activities of students and staff in the past month. Dare to Dream has started up again. The Catholic Educators Conference in Vancouver was "fantastic". Norm Parry from the Thornhill Badminton Club donated equipment from the youth program which has folded.

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

D. Father James- Father James was unable to attend as he was participating in the Lenten Parish Retreat.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA AT 7:40: L. Cooper/E. Hernes-passed unanimously

6. IN CAMERA

A) DDF Fund (Long Term Goal)

B) Communication

C) Financial Report

-Budget

-Monthly finances

-Delinquent Accounts

-Tuition Assistance Requests

-Student and Family Affordability Assistance Grant Requests

D) Staffing

E) Family Applications

NEXT MEETINGS-April 13, 2023

MOTION OUT BY L. Cooper and F. Sheppard at 8:25-unanimous

CLOSING PRAYER—R. Klein

Chairperson's Signature:

Date: