Attendance: Daniil Zurand, Heather Munroe, Kateri Deschenes, Robin Small, Donna Burns

Executive: Kate Connolly (Co-Chair)

VM Staff: Kateri Deschenes (Principal), Robin Small (Vice Principal), Cynthia Smith (Kinder division)

# Handouts:

* Agenda
* Minutes from April 2018 meeting
* Treasurer’s Report
* Refuse to Lose
* Annual Calendar

# Call to Order: 6:00 pm

**Introductions of all attendees**

# Approval of agenda

Motion to approve: Donna; Seconded: Kateri

# Approval of minutes from February meeting

Motion to approve: Kate; Seconded: Kateri

# Teacher reports

**Kinder**

* Kinder classes are having their last visits to the Perley this month. Another huge success!
* Started our Tomatosphere planting last week (2 packs of seeds - one harvested on earth and one harvested on the International Space Station). Recording results and will send to organizers of Tomatosphere.
* Junkyard Symphony presentation, May 15 for kinders and primary division. Watching "Giants of Junk".
* Milk presentations happening in month of May (for primary classes as well).
* Kinder French presentation on June 4.
* Sebastien Lemay-​World Music Performance. (primary classes as well).
* Kinder Open House June 5, 4pm - 5:00pm.
* French classes getting butterflies, English homerooms getting baby chicks. Butterflies will arrive soon and chicks will arrive start-mid June.
* Kinder classes participating in #KindergartenBioBlitz - classes will tweet their observations about nature around the school, share their observations and follow other classes. Occurs during first week of June.
* End of year field trip on June 7 to the Cumberland Museum. Will be doing a dairy presentation, make butter and have time for free exploration.
* End of year Kinder concert: June 21: 10:15 - 11:30 (after Primary presentation).
* Kinder play day last week of school - date TBD.

**Primary**

* We had a great presentation from the NAC
* Students really enjoyed the play's put on by Canterbury students
* Students in great 2 did a great job showing and sharing their science projects with their peers.
* Friday was Star Wars day!
* Monday was Music Monday! Students were able to sit in on the grade 7/8 orchestra practice!
* Monday officially kicked off Jump Rope for Heart! Our jump day is June 7th!
* Students will also get the chance to participate in another mindfulness workshop on Thursday and Friday
* On May 15th primary students will get to enjoy a concert for Junkyard Symphony!!

**Junior**

* This week the juniors are participating in the hip hop sessions. They will be performing on Friday to parents and students. Thank you to the council for helping cover some of the cost of these sessions.
* VM junior students participated in the Math Olympics on the weekend. The teams came in 1st and 3rd. Thank you to Mrs. Eichel for all your efforts with the team.
* The juniors will be participating in the junior track and field day at VM on June 4th. . Long distance runs will take place the week prior during the last block of the day. Students will be chosen to move on to represent VM at the regional meet.
* The junior talent show will be on June 22nd. Students will be finding out more about how to become involved in the show next week.
* The grade 4 end of the year trip is on June 11th (Upper Canada) and the grade 5/6 trip will be on June 26th (more information to follow shortly).

**Intermediate**

* Leadership group is running a Water Walk activity on Wednesday, May 16th for all kids in grades 1 - 8. The activities will involve an information session, two water based games and a walk around the field with containers of water to better understand the challenge of gathering and carrying your own water. All proceeds are going to the WE foundation for funding for access to clean water.
* Intermediates will be participating in their second set of wellness workshops this Friday as part of Education Week.
* Upcoming Dates:

May 31 and June 1: Rideauwood Presentations

June 4: Junior Achievers for Grade 8

June 5: Track and Field Day

June 7: Stock Market for Grade 8

June 14: Board wide T&F Meet

June 20: Grade 7 trip

June 21-22: Grade 8 trip

June 26: Leaving ceremony practice

June 27: Leaving ceremony

# Questions for teachers

Are social media accounts required for students by the school? No. Any class social media activity is managed by the teachers.

What is jump rope for heart? A fundraiser for heart and stroke.

What is Luv to Groove? A group that teaches the students Hip Hop dancing. There is a performance at the end of the lesson.

# Principal and Vice-Principal Reports

**Kateri**

* Everyone is very busy at Vincent Massey these days. A lot of learning is happening and also the participation in different contests, activities, projects, training, concert.
* The Arts around the school is always something noticeable in the halls at Vincent Massey and these days in preparation for the multicultural dinner our halls do look like an art gallery.
* It is always nice to see how much students at Vincent Massey are active. During recesses everyone is happy these days to be able to occupy the whole yard to play football, soccer, chasing games, dancing.
* School Climate Survey 2018 for Parent/Guardian is open until May 11

Thursday May 10: Multicultural Dinner 4:30 – 6:30

Monday May 21: Holiday

Wednesday May 23 to Monday May 28: EQAO grade 6

Tuesday May 29 to Friday June 1: EQAO grade 3

Friday June 8: PA Day

Wednesday June 13 School Council meeting

**Robin**

* The software that sends out the Friday update has been changed. There was a week where the update was delayed due to this. It is working now. Parents can opt out of the emails if they want.
* Grade 7 parent night is June 12. Parents of graduating grade 6 students from Arch and Pleasant Park are invited to come to VM.

# Questions for Principal and Vice-Principal

When will the asphalt surfaces be swept to clear the gravel? It is managed by a board contract, and has been requested to be completed as soon as possible.

What is the communication policy for when there is a secure school incident? For privacy reasons, the school only communicates with parents about secure school incidents if they are the result of a safety issue. Any other non-safety secure school incidents are not reported.

# Treasurer's report

Kate relayed the Treasurer's report.

Amounts Promised:

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| Mindfulness Seminar | $900 |
| Multicultural Dinner | $500 |
| Kinder | $750 |
| Primary | $750 |
| Junior | $750 |
| Intermediate | $750 |
| Total | $4,400 |

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| Amount unpromised April | $388.20 |
| Movie Night #3 | $247.75 |
| Amount unpromised May | $635.95 |

# Arts Express

* Cannot get this setup for 2018. It is too difficult to block book school space on short notice.
* Could be possible for 2019. Parent Council needs to put together a proposal with dates and space requirements and present it to the principal for approval on community use booking.
* Proposal to be submitted before September 2018.

# Ongoing Council Initiatives

Nothing to report.

# New Council Initiatives

New evening event geared for kids in grades 4-6.

* We have a parent that has volunteered to organize.
* Suggestions for the activity: sports night, board game night, dance
* Parent Council to put together a proposal with details of the event, school space and resource requirements for review by the principal.
* Proposal to be submitted in September 2018.

Beautification/ School improvement project.

* Parent Council is interested in working on a larger project. Options suggested: improvements to the library space, art and murals around the school
* Kateri will ask the teachers for suggestions. Decision on what to pursue will occur at the next meeting.
* This might tie in nicely with the school’s anniversary next year.

Fundraising drives

* There seems to be an appetite for parents to be able to make donations to specific initiatives. Several parents expressed an interest in purchasing the music books for Donna Burns music program, and three families each donated cash or gift cards to subsidize the food for the Grade 8 trip.
* Kateri will ask teachers to put together a wish list for Parent Council to review.
* Kate has asked for a breakdown of what the $750 each division was given by Parent Council this year was spent on. We will broadcast this more widely so that families have visibility on where their donation money is going.

# Grants

PRO Grant

* Deadline is for submission is June 2.
* No one had any new suggestions - the decision was that Jen Ellis write the grant proposal for whichever project she thinks will be most likely to receive the funding.

# Other business

Parent Council Calendar. Kate has put together a calendar so that we can keep track of annual due dates. Additions and amendments are requested.

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| Due Date | Item |
| September 30 | Select point people for grant applications |
| September 30 | Meet the Teacher Shawarma Fundraising |
| September 30 | All new exec need to get signing authority |
| October 30 | Set dates for Annual Fundraising Activities |
| October 30 | Parent Council Annual Report |
| Nov 30 | Do Nothing Campaign |
| March 15 | Book Giveaway |
| March 31 | CEPGP Grant Deadline |
| May 31 | Set Dates for next year's meetings |
| June 1 | Refuse to Lose Nomination Deadline |
| June 30 | PRO Grant reporting due |
| Ongoing | OCASC |

Refuse to Lose Nominations. The deadline for nominations is June 1. Heather will draft a blurb for the Robin to include in the Friday update. Kate will look into how we get plaques.

Thank you cards. Kate had some thank you cards printed with a photo of the Grade 8 tablecloth project. They are available to send to anyone that helps Parent Council.

# Meeting adjourned: 7:20 PM