

VCSTA AGM – September 2017  
Agenda

Prayer: Louise Fader  
Intro: Elizabeth Castro  
Budget – Teresa Sorace

**1. Expenses**

Website – needs maintenance  
Release time for executive  
Executive dinner  
Stipend for Executive  
Bursaries for staff (15) – Due in Dec. , can go back 18 months, if member in good standing for past 3 years  
Ed Camp  
Guest Speaker – possibly bring someone in for professional development  
CEC giveaway  
Advertisement in CEC programme  
Retirement Mass (hosted by VCSTA in June for anyone in system)  
Social – Turkey Bowl - \$2000  
Scholarships – gr. 12 (8 @250) This year 11 were handed out, because not all bursaries were used  
Charity support (Archbishop's Dinner – for Seminarian program and pro-D priests)  
Special Events – e.g., retirement for SO office personnel  
Meeting snacks & prizes  
Member Recognition (executive members leaving)  
Stipend for Forum (3@ \$300)  
(compensation package up for renewal  
Compassion Outreach – for members who are going through a difficult time – please inform VCSTA Executive if you know anyone  
Professional Consultation (e.g., lawyer's fee at time of new contract)

***Move to accept budget: Karen Borkowski, Katarina Grgic***

Elizabeth attended & presented at Jumpstart (50 new teachers, principals and vice principals)

i. **Membership Fees:** \$75 due on **Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017** (Dec Rep Meeting) Payments can be made through Paypal  
**it would be best if payments could be made through your school on one cheque** – amount can be put in Box 44 of T-4 if deducted from paycheque (amount should be \$155.00 (75 for VCSTA 80 for Teacher regulation Branch)  
For personal cheques, you will get tax receipts

ii) Please make sure we have all the emails for each member so we can update our lists (there have been many changes this year) – kindly ensure legibility

iii) High school Awards recipients: cheques to be sent out soon.

Email: [vcsta.executive@gmail.com](mailto:vcsta.executive@gmail.com)

iv) Charity

Please let Elizabeth know if there are any charities that we may want to support.

v) Scholarship Recipients

Michael Bond

Katelyn Bouvier

Emma Kingland

Mathieu Laflamme

Ciara Maguire

Mitchell Nolet

Massimo Palitti

Lucas Ribeiro

Matthew Riccardi

Madeleine Simmons

Lucy Wicken

**Change to the Vancouver Catholic Schools Teachers' Association Bursary**

Applicants may apply for only 1 (one) draw date per course.

The following criteria must be met in order for an applicant to be declared eligible for a VCSTA bursary:

- a) Applicants must have at least three years experience in the CISVA
- b) Applicants must have been a member in good standing of the VCSTA for at least three years (not necessarily consecutive)
- c) The bursary is awarded for course expense. Acceptable courses are all professional Development courses related to your classroom teaching or Religious Studies. Bursaries will be awarded up to \$300 per person (from \$250). A lottery will be drawn of all eligible applicants. A maximum of \$4500 (from 2500) (15@ \$300 (from 250 each) will be distributed. An individual applicant may only receive a bursary every 3 years, unless the cumulative sum of \$4500 has not been awarded for the current year.

***Motion to accept changes: Natalie Magel, Janice Schollen***

2) Turkey Bowl: Friday, September 29, 2017 5:30 -7:30

Revs Bowling - Lougheed Hwy Burnaby - \$10/person

All you can eat pizza and pop; Cash Bar

Prizes: Canucks tickets, Thanksgiving Basket

Jugs of Beer to the Highest overall team score after first game

Starbucks cards to highest score on each team

3) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: This year the VCSTA is thinking about bringing in a guest Speaker...if you have any ideas , topics you would like to discuss , suggestions for a speaker etc.. please email Elizabeth Castro @ [vcsta.executive@gmail.com](mailto:vcsta.executive@gmail.com) with any ideas.

4) Position to Executive: We are looking for a new member for our executive.

Rep to Forum – Natalie

**Motion to accept – Mary Ellen, Mira Bota**

President: Elizabeth Castro – Saint Francis de Sales

Treasurer: Teresa Sorace – Holy Cross

Secretary: Sandra Pink (former rep to the Board of Directors)- St Patrick's Elementary Vancouver

Rep to the Board of Directors: Louise Fader – St. Joseph Vancouver

5) Outreach: With our theme being “Caring for Everyone in our Common Home” Maureen Faulton (SFX) -- suggested an outreach program that teachers could do -idea (Katarina): cook a meal at Ronald McDonald House; doing something for seniors?

It would be great for the teachers as an organization could do some outreach. Please send ideas to [vcsta.executive@gmail.com](mailto:vcsta.executive@gmail.com)

6) Edcamp

This year we will be holding an EdCamp on April 21, 2017.

It is a great networking opportunity to have with other CISVA teachers. Please mark your calendars

***Motion to adjourn: Rob Pizani, Jasenka Buric***

Coffee Card Winners:

Karen Borkowski, Katarina Busto, Katarina Grgic