

**Agenda for VCSTA Rep Meeting
October 18, 2018 - 4:00 - 5:30pm**

Prayer: Louise Fader

Move to accept agenda: Angela LaBrèche, Franca Scali

New Business:

- 1) Review and approval of budget for 2018-19
 - a) Changes to budget going forward
 - i) Move to accept change in bursary amount from \$300.00 to \$400.00: Jerome Francis, Stephanie Sarangelo
All in favour - passed
 - ii) Move to accept change in scholarship amount from \$250.00 to \$350.00 Angela LaBrèche, Susan Radford
All in favour – passed
 - iii) Move to accept budget: Susan Radford, Carolyn Smillie
All in favour – passed
 - b) Treasurer's Report
 - i) Turkey Bowl - \$2060.00 (add to Treasurer's Report)
 - ii) Space rental: Holy Cross - for retirement Mass - \$50.00, SFDS – for VCSTA meetings (\$25.00/each time) + EdCamp (\$50.00)
 - iii) Move to accept Treasurer's Report : Peter Horner & Angela LaBrèche
All in favour – passed
- 2) In lieu of EdCamp, considerations for VCSTA pro-d focus:
 - i) to host a "make & take" booth @ CEC
 - ii) to pay for cookies during coffee break @ CEC (CISVA)
 - iii) to sponsor Deacon Hank to offer a session on resilience & stress-management @ CEC
 - iv) to host presenter on "health & wellness" to speak to entire assembly @ CEC
 - v) to arrange a small conference room to have a drop in, hands-on wellness activity
 - vi) Fr. Lucien Larré
 - vii) Member appreciation – afternoon pampering + lunch (spa)
 - viii) Having a GWL Rep to answer questions re benefits (check if CISVA is doing this or pension)
 - b) Table discussion of above
 - c) Action - Nathalie to discuss with Sandy Marshall deadline for booking rooms / stalls, Deacon Henk's availability and whether or not there is a GWL rep presentation on benefits
- 3) Superintendent's Office meeting - Future meetings Jan 14, May 6
 - a) Evangelization - Promoting strong connection between pastors and principals
 - b) Vision 4 Learning - Reporting for this year - no letter grades for Gr. 4 & 5
 - i) Building in our Catholic principles
 - ii) Critical Thinking Consortium available to all schools (TC squared)
 - c) Leadership
 - i) Three more ½ day VP networking days
 - ii) Note - on Nov 8, those interested in leadership but not currently in VP role are invited for lunch to Head Office (JP11) - speak to your principal (register on CISVA pro-D site)
 - d) SET-BC
 - i) Technology is available to support classrooms through SET-BC - challenge is that applications are due in early Sept, so it means the previous year's teacher planning for tech application; resources arrive during winter season
 - e) Human Growth & Development:
 - i) Gr 6 in-class component in addition to parent evenings for Gr 4 - 7
 - f) St. Mark's College - Archbishop's Scholarship for Catholic Core courses
 - g) Counsellors - principals have asked for a list of available counsellors to come in on an ad hoc basis, where issues arise
 - h) FISA Mental Health video links (not been approved)

- i) SO and CISVAAA committed to hiring Catholic educators when available with equal experience
 - j) Teacher growth - open discussion with your principal for growth opportunities; involves stepping up for role & responsibility beyond current load (ex. EFDF, Vision for Learning)
 - k) VCSTA - FB group - 104 members so far (BC Catholic Teachers Sharing)
 - l) Nov 23 Networking day – to promote teacher collaboration; each location hosting a “different model” (ex. speaker, discussion among teachers, EdCamp/Ignite model...) feedback forms –please encourage staff to fill out
 - m) Discussion around virtual collaboration to support - exploring Google Docs, FB, Classmates...
 - n) Principals urge teachers to review their pension and benefits in order to debunk myths about our system
- 4) Online virtual collaboration
- a) What kind of collaboration do your colleagues want? Ideally?
 - b) What barriers exist?
 - c) Can we create a google doc for people to enter comments from their staff?
 - d) Looking for a steering committee – Catherine Moffatt, Louise Fader, Nathalie Magel, Carolyn Smillie (thank you!)
 - e) Action - Nathalie to create voluntary google doc to share with all reps and staff, for input about what kind of technology would work for them
- 5) Website update
- a) Thanks to Peter Horner for his work over the summer!
 - b) Website will look different (will change from WordPress to a Google site) – the “domain” needs to be transferred to new site (currently “in process” blank page)
 - c) Calendar on there - adding due dates for bursary (Dec. 14) / scholarship applications
- 6) Your experience with the transfer list
- a) Email vcsta.executive@gmail.com (soon please) if you have any questions or comments or challenging scenarios for Nathalie to bring forward as meetings occur between VCSTA and Principals / Superintendents groups
- 7) How Independent Schools are doing - Our Children, Our Future: Educating for Tomorrow
- a) Nathalie attended a FISA presentation on how various independent schools are doing (our CISVA students are not very different from public sector re praying)
- 8) Collect membership fees and fill out the forms – Due Dec.
- 9) Employee Benefits Program – Counselling Services – provided by GWL – if not well used, we may lose this benefit
- 10) Starbucks cards winners: Teresa, Clarissa, Sue, Eunice
- 11) Move to Adjourn Meeting: Jerome Francis, Franca Scali
- a) All in favour - passed