

VCSTA Meeting Agenda

Date:

February 4, 2021

Location:

Virtual? Please indicate "yes" or "no"

Yes - ZOOM

On Site? If so, provide address

Executive In Attendance: Karen Borkowski, Teresa Sorace, Louise Fader, Sandra Pink

Prayer/Call to Order Louise Fader

Roll Call - In attendance:

Name	School Name School
Doris Langois	Queen of All Saints Marianna Brancati
Rae-Anne Prinster	Mira Bota St. Andrew
Agnes Krammer	Cloverdale Catholic Clarissa Guevara St. Paul's
Carolyn Smillie	St. Jude's Elena Mobilio
Daryl Bartman	St. Francis Xavier Jasenka Buric
Caterina Cutri	St. Pius

Amanda Kools	St. Helen's
Claudia Martinelli	St. Francis de Sales
Michelle Paone	Blessed Sacrament
Elia Domingos	
Joey Cristiano	Star of the Sea
Lara Martini	Our Lady of Fatima
Nancy McLean	St. Augustine's
Tina Tinaburri	St. Patrick's High

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Please try to read them on the VCSTA Website before the meeting.

Motion to Approve:

Agnes Kramer

Seconded by:

Rae-Anne Prinster

Reports

1. President's Report

CEC - coffee cards (\$10)

- screen time for VCSTA (Splash Page)
- prizes for members - 8 - \$100 Amazon gift cards; Deacon Henk will pre-draw, as CEC is all pre-recorded. Winners names will be posted on "splash page" and rotated during break times during CEC
- every school employee must be at school on Thursday of CEC;
- WELLNESS DAY - day 2 (Friday) - teacher's choice re how they will spend the day

Web Page Update - (Splash Page will become VCSTA website - VCSTA.org)

Memberships - as of February 2, 2021: 365

- Teresa has received memberships from a few more schools

SO/AAA/VCSTA Meeting report out

- Teresa Sorace is in her 45th year of teaching and has been recognized with a 40yr + award. Lesya and Deacon Henk went to Holy Cross Elementary to do the presentation - 3 more names added to principal's pool. Currently over 10 candidates - 1 principal retiring (Holy Cross Elementary)

2. Board of Director's Report

-Pregnancy Leave: used to be referred to as maternity leave

-leave of absence agreement added option:

1 - you can opt out of benefits

2 - you can pay benefits yourself

3 - employer can pay (decision made by education committee)

-Pension - change: Now you will automatically get your pension at age 65 You must inform your employer if you do not want to start getting pension at 65 years

Seminar by Doug Lawson is available on YouTube

-question: *can you opt out of receiving pension if you forgot to say "not yet"?*

3. Treasurer's Report - given

-if tax receipt required for membership paid, please let VCSTA know by

email: vcsta.executive@gmail.com

NO receipt required if your bookkeeper adds the membership cost to T-4 slip

Motion to approve: Rae-Anne Prinster **Seconded** : Mira Bota

Unfinished Business

- New Business

1. Paul Savage - Paid Physio for PE Teachers (?)

We have coverage under “extended health” benefits

If injury “on the job” - WORKSAFE may cover cost of therapy needed

2. Transitional students

Online learning for some students will continue until the end of the school year

Some teachers concerned re students choosing on-line learning platform without valid medical reason - (even going on trips, being unavailable to attend class due to playdates, etc...)

Questions

Do students learning online pass to next grade?

Do we teach students who go on vacation, online?

Will this practice continue next year?

Many schools have tried to ease the workload for teachers who must engage students in online learning (e.g., half-hour set time, for on-line group to meet with teacher, end-of week learning packages, etc.)

Meeting Dates:

March 30 - VCSTA Executive

April 13 - VCSTA Executive

April 15 - VCSTA Reps (3:30)

May 11 - VCSTA Executive

May 17 - SO/CISVAAA/VCSTA

May 20 - AGM

Announcements:

- Other?

VCSTA meetings are to include "VCSTA Members" ONLY

Principals will be provided with information at the VCSTA - SO - CISVAAA meetings that are held 3 times/year.

VCSTA will propose that in recognition of the extreme hours of work required during the pandemic, the CEC be held on Thursday, and Friday should be a day off!

Reps need to inform the VCSTA Exec via email, of any topic to be brought forward at VCSTA meetings, one week prior to the meeting.

Action Items:

<u>What?</u>	<u>Who? By When?</u>
Lent prayer	<u>Louise will send to Karen</u>
Splash page	<u>Peter and Karen</u>

Next Meeting:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time Location: Virtual/Address</u>
April 15	3:30 ZOOM

Adjournment of Meeting

Motioned By:

Agnes Kramer

Seconded By:

Louise

Time of Adjournment:

4:40pm