VCSTA Rep Meeting



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| September 22, 2022 |

Location:

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| Virtual  - ZOOM | Start Time :  3:30 |

Prayer/Call to Order: Rae-Anne Prinster

Roll Call - In Attendance:  Sandra Pink

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| Name | School | Name | School |
|  | Archbishop Carney | Janice Schollen | St. Bernadette’s |
|  | Assumption, Powell River |  | St. Catherine’s |
| Marion Buan✔  Eunice Rodrigues✔ | Blessed Sacrament | Adam Grossi✔ | St. Edmund’s |
| Agnes Kramer✔ | Cloverdale Catholic | Elizabeth Castro | St. Francis de Sales |
| Charlotte D’alessandro✔ | Corpus Christi | Caterina Busto✔ | St. Francis of Assisi |
| Elena Mobilio✔ | Holy Cross Elementary | Daryl Bartman✔ | St. Francis Xavier |
|  | Holy Cross Secondary | Claudia Martinelli✔ | St. Helen’s |
| Kate Keogh | Holy Trinity | Natalie Magel | St. James |
| Lisa Saharchuk✔ | IC Delta | Celina ten-Bohmer | St. John Brebeuf Secondary |
| Felicity Logie✔ | IC Vancouver | Cecilia Ramirez✔ | St. Joseph the Worker |
|  | Notre Dame Secondary | Louise Fader✔ | St. Joseph’s |
| Lara Martini✔ | Our Lady of Fatima | Sonia DiFonzo✔ | St. Jude’s |
| Josie Spagnuolo | Our Lady of Good Counsel | Christina Marino✔ | St. Mary’s, Vancouver |
|  | Our Lady of Mercy |  | St. Mary’s, Chilliwack |
| Marianna Brancati✔  Jessica DiLoreto✔ | OLPH | Stepfanie Dignan✔ | St. Matthew’s |
| Lorenzo Basso | Our Lady of Sorrows | Jasenka Buric✔ | St. Michael’s |
| Alice Valente✔ | Our Lady of  Assumption | Rae-Anne Prinster✔ | St. Patrick’s, Maple Ridge |
| Doris Langlois✔ | Queen of All Saints | Sandra Pink✔ | St. Patrick’s, Vancouver |
| Lisa Wiechers | Sacred Heart | Tina Tinaburri✔ | St. Patrick’s Secondary |
| Mira Bota  Erik Peters | St. Andrew’s | Clarissa Guevara✔ | St. Paul’s |
| Fiaonnua O’Leary✔ | St. Anthony of Padua | Caterina Cutri✔ | St. Pius X |
|  | St. Anthony’s | Paul Savage | St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary |
| Angelica Agregado  Jason O’Sullivan | St. Augustine’s | Joey Cristiano✔  Karen Borkowski✔ | Star of the Sea |
| In Attendance:  30 |  |  |  |

Business Arising From Last Month’s Meeting

NONE

Motion to Approve Previous Minutes:

Motioned By:

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| Daryl Bartman |

Seconded By:

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| Cecilia Ramirez |

Reports

1. President's Report

* VCSTA website will be updated, including new address to mail memberships and meeting dates
* Jump-Start

Rae-Anne attended Jump Start, with new teachers and principals; new teachers encouraged to join VCSTA (a couple have volunteered to be Reps)

Principals were asked to make the VCSTA Rep position an “extra curricular” job, as it demands time outside school hours and to honour it as important.

Principals were also asked to add “VCSTA Business” at the end of regular staff meetings.  VCSTA Reps should discuss any VCSTA business with members ONLY, at this time.  Non-members should leave the meeting (including principal and EAs)

* Membership Drive Membership Fees will remain at $75.00.

Due:  November 30, 2022  Renewal Form can be found on VCSTA website.

Please type the membership information directly on the form and email a copy to [vcsta.executive@gmail.com](mailto:vcsta.executive@gmail.com).

Also, please submit a paper copy with the school cheque to:

Rae-Anne Prinster

St. Patrick’s School

22589 121ST Avenue

Maple Ridge, V2X 3T5

Please note:  If possible, ONE cheque from the school for all the memberships expedites deposits.  You may ask your school accountant to take the membership fee directly off the October or November paycheque.  On the membership form there is a space for members to initial permission for the payment to come directly from their pay.  This amount will be on your T-4 slips,  You will not need *income tax* receipts.

E-transfer to VCSTA email ([vcsta.executive@gmail.com](mailto:vcsta.executive@gmail.com)) is also possible

* Bursaries  Application deadline :  December 10th

15 bursaries are available for members.

You will be reimbursed for the cost of any course (up to $450.00), that will help you with your teaching.  Sign up and take the course.  Then, submit the receipt along with the application form (found on the VCSTA website)

* Scholarships - Application deadline:  May 31st, 2023

8 - $350.00 scholarships are available for members children entering post-secondary education

Application forms can be found on VCSTA website (send in forms in April / May)

* FORUM

Next year is the last year of teachers’ contracts.  The FORUM, an advisory body, mandated by the Board of Directors will be operational in the next couple of weeks.  The FORUM is made up of 12 members:  3 pastors, 3 education committee members (1 on CISVA board); 3 principals (1 from principal’s executive); 3 teachers (1 from VCSTA executive)

Principals will make these positions known to their teachers.  VCSTA Reps can also ensure that members are aware of these positions and encourage them to put forward their names.  Teacher names will be requested in the next  2 weeks.

Focus will be on the compensation package coming up – salaries will most likely be the main topic of discussion

The FORUM will have several meetings and the discussion results will likely be ready by October 2023.

* NETWORKING DAY  \*\*discuss with your staff and email ideas to [vcsta.executive@gmail.com](mailto:vcsta.executive@gmail.com)

This day was initiated by the VCSTA.  It is now run by the CISVA.

Principals are looking forward to our recommendations for topics of interest

-grade centered networking

-Science of Reading - how to teach “phonics” effectively

-more direction/information around this year’s CISVA theme

* VCSTA Executive - we are committed to serve CISVA teachers

Discuss with members….. “What can we do for you?”  Is there something members would like to see us do, that we are not currently doing?

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

1. Board of Director's Report - Louise

* Policies have been updated - please read
* There is a new Catholic School Mission Statement
* Over 20 Learning Support and Professional Development Workshop opportunities are being offered this year

1. Treasurer's Report

NONE

New Business

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Action Items:

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| What? | Who? | By When? |
| * Update VCSTA website * Visual on what the VCSTA has done in the past 5/10 years | Rae-Anne & Karen  VCSTA Executive | In the next week  October executive meeting |
| * Encourage teachers to consider being nominated for FORUM rep * Networking Day recommendations for topics * Discuss what members would like from their VCSTA | VCSTA Reps | In the next week or two    Email ideas to VCSTA  Email ideas to VCSTA |

Next Meeting:

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| Date | Time | Location: Virtual/Address |
| Nov. 24th | 3:15 | ZOOM |

Adjournment of Meeting

Motioned By:

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| Jasenka Buric |

Seconded By:

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| Lisa Wiechers |

Time of Adjournment:

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| 4:30 p.m. |