VCSTA AGM Meeting

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| Date: May 25, 2023 |
| Location:  VIRTUAL  Please indicate “yes” or “no”)  Yes - ZOOM | ON SITE  (If so, provide address) |

Executive In Attendance:  Rae-Anne Prinster, Lisa Saharchuk, Louise Fader, Sandra Pink

Regrets: Karen Borkowski

Call to Order (Rae-Anne Prinster) Prayer (Louise Fader)

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|  | Name | School |  | Name | School |
|  | -------------------- | Archbishop Carney |  | Janice Schollen | St. Bernadette’s |
|  | Kelly Neri | 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 |
|  | Antonio Sorace | Holy Cross Secondary |  | Claudia Martinelli | St. Helen’s |
|  | Kate Keogh | Holy Trinity |  | Sheena Lewis | 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 |  | N. Primerano  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 |  | Mark Seiler | St. Mary’s, Chilliwack |
|  | Marianna Brancati  Jessica DiLoreto | OLPH |  | Amanda Kools | 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: | 29 (incl. VCSTA members) |  |  |  |

Other VCSTA Members: Teresa Ribeiro, Elia, Patti Macdonald, Melissa Lemire

Reports

1. President's Report (Rae-Anne Prinster)

* March VCSTA Rep meeting had to be cancelled due to extenuating circumstances. Re-scheduling proved to be impossible. Apology extended to all VCSTA Reps.
* CEC – new VCSTA banner

- prize wheel – feedback from members was that it was a success

- coffee cards given to principals for those members who did not visit VCSTA booth (2 schools

cards will be mailed out, as principals forgot to take the cards)

- feedback needed (Is there a way to get more members to visit the booth at CEC? What are

the factors affecting visits to the booth – too crowded, not enough time? Should we go back

to giving the coffee cards to Reps to hand out to members?)

* Tax Receipts – sent out if membership fee is not automatically taken from paycheque

- if membership fee taken from paycheque – automatically added to T4

- next year, there will be a box on membership forms to indicate whether tax receipt is needed

* Scholarships – we have received applications for 6 scholarships (up to 8 will be given out)

- please remember to add “proof of acceptance” to post-secondary institute, to the application

* Retirement Recognition

- Mass & Reception – stopped during COVID

- last year, there was very little interest; most wanted to celebrate at their own schools

- this year, we will send a gift card to VCSTA retirees, through VCSTA Reps – before the end

of the school year

- please send names of VCSTA members retiring to [vcsta.executive@gmail.com](mailto:vcsta.executive@gmail.com) or

rprinster@stpatsschool.org

* CISVA theme for next year: LIVING, Celebrating, Proclaiming Our Faith
* SO-CISVAAA-VCSTA meeting

- Sandy Marshall would like input on…

* What do you hope CISVA keeps – stops – starts doing
* Feedback on CEC (changes, modify, replace, eliminate?)
* Biggest challenges ahead

- SURVEY will be sent to each school (ONE survey to be filled out by VCSTA Reps, with input

from members)

- every survey returned will be entered into a prize draw

- REP name and school will not be sent to SO office (REP name will only be used for prize

draw)

* VCSTA has 505 members. There are approximately 1000 teachers. Feedback welcome on how to encourage greater enrollment.
* VCSTA LOGO Contest - Winning logo will be used on all official VCSTA material

-official criteria and contest form will be sent to REPS

-contest open to all VCSTA members

-$100 Prize will be given to winner (individual or group)

-winning logo will be chosen by VCSTA Executive

* Karen Borkowski will be taking a leave of absence from Star of the Sea for one year. She will remain a VCSTA executive member (and executive member representative to FORUM) until the end of August 2023.
* FORUM

-FORUM members have signed a non-disclosure agreement. If you have any questions,

please send them directly to FORUM Teacher Reps. You can also send them through the

VCSTA (all questions will be forwarded to Karen Borkowski)

-proposal will be given to CISVA BoD in July. If FORUM needs to be in operation past August,

another Executive member will become Rep to FORUM

* VCSTA Members are encouraged to email their ideas and concerns ([vcsta.executive@gmail.com](mailto:vcsta.executive@gmail.com))

1. Board of Director's Report (Louise Fader)

* Principal Appointments/Changes

-OLPH – Deirdre O’Callaghan

-St. Joseph’s, Vancouver – Mike Schultz

-St. Francis Xavier – Anne Yam

-St. Piux X – Charlene Francis

-St. Francis Assisi – “in progress”

* May BoD Meeting

-41 teaching positions available

-12 seeking transfer within the CISVA

-199 applicants approved for hiring process

* Mental Health Grant for Independent Schools

-$500,000

-proposed use for 2023-24: Social/Emotional Pro-D for Catholic Educators K-12 by *Insight*

*Aquinas College & Institute of Catholic Education*

-2022-23 grant was used for Pro-D for Principals with Deborah McNamara

* Infrastructure Working Group

-6 principals on the committee

-to review indicators of levels of risk for all schools

-to provide infrastructure plan for future

1. Treasurer's Report

* Report given, however due to public access details are unavailable online. Please ask your rep or the VCSTA Executive for further information.

**Motion to approve:**Elizabeth Castro

**Seconded             :** Caterina Busto

Unfinished Business

* VCSTA Executive Vacancy
* VCSTA Retirees Recognition
* CISVA Teachers’ Survey
* VCSTA Logo Contest

New Business

Salary Increase

* One time payment (1.25%) will be on May 31, 2023 paycheque (will not affect salary scale)
* 2023-24 school year, 3.75% salary increase will be on salary scale
* FORUM proposal, if accepted, will be effective beginning the 2024-25 school year

VCSTA Executive Vacancy

* Please give consideration to joining the VCSTA Executive.
* Elizabeth Castro has put her name forward. If there is no one else interested, Elizabeth will have the position in an uncontested election

VCSTA Executive Members and Roles for 2023-24

* President – Rae-Anne Prinster
* Vice-President – to be filled
* Treasurer – Lisa Saharchuk
* Rep to BoD – Louise Fader
* Secretary – Sandra Pink

Membership Information

* Membership Fees - due December 10, 2023
* Membership Renewal Form can be found on VCSTA website

Submit paper copy of form with school cheque (**payable to: VCSTA)** to:

Rae-Anne Prinster

St. Patrick’s Elementary School

22589 121 Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 3T5

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

* Bursary Applications due December 15th (application forms available on VCSTA website)
* Scholarship Applications due May 31st (application available on VCSTA website)

Adjournment of Meeting

Motioned By: Agnes Kramer Seconded By: Charlotte D’Alessandro

Time of Adjournment: 4:15 p.m.