

Attending

Luanne Wiens	Tanya Clarke
Randy Strawson	Stephanie Penner
Andrea Willenborg	Cristin Dorgan Lee
Melanie Payne	Michelle Brown

1. **Opening Prayer** – Cristin Dorgan-Lee
2. **Minutes from Last Meeting – November 29, 2023**
Motion to Accept minutes: Stephanie P
Second: Andrea W
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. CSCC vacant positions:
There are currently a few vacant positions on the CSCC (Secretary & Vice Chair). It would be good to fill these positions. Luanne Wiens would like to step down from the chair position after this school year so that she can be around for one year to help and support a new chair.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. Principal's Report – Cristin Dorgan-Lee
 - i. Advent Hampers:
Over 15 hampers were delivered at Christmas. The hampers were filled with donated items from students and their families and gift cards from The Friends of St. V. There were a couple "left over" gift cards that the school will hand out as needs arise in 2024. In addition, the parish donated extra funds (\$500) so the school was able to add more to the hampers. There was an anonymous donation to bless one family with "extra". That family was given a hotel excursion, presents, food, etc. There was also a donation from PIC Inc that supported a hamper for an additional family. Thankful for such amazing generosity.
 - ii. Enrollment:
St. Volodymyr has had many news students bringing our student numbers to 295 students (Gr. 1-8).
Our kindergarten class is at 29 students (division typically splits at 26 students). At this point the division's approach is to add an additional 0.30 FTE at St. V.. Interviews are underway for this position. The plan is to split the kindergarten class in the afternoons (15 students with each teacher). The hope is that there could be mid-year funding from the government with enrollments growing for the division.
 - iii. Nutrition Program:
We are feeding 5-8 students daily. A typical lunch has a sandwich, carrots, yogurt tube and juice box. It would be great to have more help with the "main" of the lunch; we would welcome items that can be individually packaged and frozen such as hamburger muffins (thanks Andrea), pinwheels, etc.

- iv. Student Retreat Day:
Face 2 Face Ministries led the retreat on Dec. 20. The theme was Made for More and was enjoyed by the students. Feedback was positive from the day.
- v. Photos Edge Imagery:
2023/24 was the first year where the division negotiated to have the same company do all of the school's photos. There was discussion regarding the experience with Photos Edge Imagery.
Cons: No pose selection, the package options weren't great, they used the same image and just zoomed in to create "other" images
Pros: Lots of backgrounds to choose from online, the "re-touch" was amazing
- vi. February 14 is Ash Wednesday:
Since Valentines and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day the teachers have decided to move Valentine's celebrations to Tuesday or Thursday of that week; that will be decided at the school level.
- vii. Speech Contest:
The speech contest (Grade 5-8 students) will be held in early March. Tom Boyko is taking the lead at the school level. There was a suggestion to have parents be judges for the competition along with some teachers/admin. Following the school competition, the winning students will have the opportunity to "grow" their speeches with the help of the Hub City Optimist club to be able to compete at higher levels.
- viii. Sask Teacher Innovation and Support Fund 2024/25:
This is a government funded initiative. Cristin and the LIT teachers are working on a proposal/application for a literacy fund for St. Volodymyr School.
- ix. Teacher Sanctions:
The division has a contingency plan in place if next steps involve Work to Rule or further action. The best way to support our teachers is to stay informed and be a critical thinker. A comment/suggestion was if the school division has ever considered removing classes if they do not have enough students? This could possibly add funds/teachers to better support overflowing classes.

5. Adjourn

1. Financial Report by Tanya Clarke

Ending financial position as of Jan. 24 is \$5559.49.

Proceeds from the movie night were \$259.27 + sales from subsequent school sales (still to be counted)

The only expense in December was \$38.85 for teacher appreciation.

2. Old Business:

a. Movie Night – Debrief:

There was consensus that the night felt chaotic and frustrating. Families that came to watch the movie and have a fun night left disappointed because they were unable to hear the movie over the chaos.

If we were to consider this again there would need to be clearly defined expectations of students and parents prior to the event. "Security" at the back of the gym would be needed to ensure students are not leaving to go outside or in the hallway.

The general consensus was that movie nights may not be a good fit for St. Volodymyr.

For Christmas 2024 we could consider a different event where families stay together; advent wreath making, Christmas night with sleigh rides & hot chocolate, Ukrainian craft night, etc.

b. Food Hampers/Winter Clothes/Family Needs:

At this point it seems that food and clothing needs in our school community are being met. There are a few extra winter coats that were received from Kinsmen.

c. Operation Christmas YXE:

This year the team from Operation Christmas YXE chose to support other schools but our school is on their list for future support.

d. Staff Christmas Thank You:

The baking was appreciated (thank you to everyone that contributed). Egg Nog was not a favorite drink so that can be dropped for future years.

3. New Business:

a. Teacher Appreciation Week (February 12-16):

Ideas: We will put a message on the outdoor school sign, Stephanie will place balloons and banner in staff room for Monday, February 12 A pizza & salad lunch will be on Thursday, February 15. A message will be sent to families with PDFs of images that their children can use to write messages of thanks to their teachers. The other days will be filled with small gestures of thanks – possible ideas are mints, chips, chocolate, etc.

b. Playground Upgrades:

The concrete painting upgrades are done with painting kits. The division provides the kits and the paint and the schools provide the work crew. Some thoughts were a four-square on the middle years side and then a variety of fun play paintings on the primary side.

Additional items that we would like to see would be a couple more benches on the primary playground and a basketball net on the middle years side. These items would be funded from a school level.

Action Step:

Cristin will look into painting kits and costs of benches and basketball net.

c. Bingo Fundraiser

The preferred date is April 26. This gives time for donations to come in after Easter. Information will be given out around 3-way conferences in late March.

Action Step:

Cristin will check if the gym is available on Friday, April 26.

Action Step:

At the next meeting Luanne will bring a list of basket ideas from the past to decide if there needs to be changes for this year.

d. Speech Competition Prizes

Motion:

"The Friends of St. V. will contribute up to \$100 for prizes for the speech competition."

Some ideas were... \$5 gift cards (DQ?) for each student that speaks in the gym and then larger amounts for the winners. Tom Boyko can decide what the prizes are considering these suggestions.

Motion: Stephanie P

Second: Andrea W

4. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

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Next Meeting: February 28 at 6:30 in the library