

Valmont Academy
School Council Meeting

October 2, 2018

In Attendance

Perry Blanchard - Chairperson

Ryan Kelley- Principal

Krista Noseworthy

Adam Matthews-Teacher Rep

Jennifer Andrews-Teacher Rep

Hailey Noseworthy-Student Rep

Absent

Pamela Kelley

Darren Green

1. Introduction from Chair

- Charlene Burton-no longer active
- Parent representatives needed

2. Principal's Message

a. New School Website

- New school website was introduced.

b. Learning Initiatives and School attendance

- We will be part of a deep learning initiative, there are only a small number of schools in the province participating and Valmont was selected as one of the schools.
- Ryan will be attending a deep learning conference in Moncton (supported by the district).
- Deep learning involves solving real world problems and requires active participation from students involved to devise and carry out a plan in efforts to solve the given problem. While our curriculum remains the same, student engagement and the types of activities being done will look different. This may be a means of targeting lack of student engagement and attendance issues.
- Little Green Thumbs/Community Garden is an example of deep learning. Our grade two/three class started plants as a part of their little green thumbs project. They then transferred their potato plants to our community garden. The potatoes were harvested and donated to local food bank.
- We now have a 3-D printer from Brilliant Labs. It will be used by grade 6-9 for their technology classes but will filter to other areas of our school as well.

c. Other

- 13 Ukuleles have been purchased for student use to replace use of recorders in music classes.
- We had a 100% graduation rate for academic students
- There will be no CRT for grades 3,6, or 9 this year.

- No mid-term exams for grades 7-9 and CDLI students
- Public exams will now be worth 40% of a students year instead 50% as in previous years.
- Enrollment is down this year, we currently have 74 students. On a positive note we have 12 students registered for kinderstart and only 3 students will graduating grade twelve.

3. School Fundraising

The following fundraisers were approved.

- Walk to Breakfast (Funds raised will be matched by Kid's Eat Smart Foundation)
- Terry Fox Walk (\$136.00 raised)
- Craft Fairs (Two scheduled: November 3, and May 4)
- Vegetable Bag (Grad Class)
- Gift Card Bundle
- Christmas Concert & Grab Sale
- Fine Arts Cafe
- Sub Sale
- Bottle Drive

Hailey suggested having a Miss Petite Valmont. She will submit a proposal to Mr. Kelley for consideration.

November 3-Craft Fair

- 44 tables sold
- Pam will run the Kitchen
- School Council members will be needed to help with set up

4. Leadership Update:

- Coaches Appreciation
Leadership showed their appreciation for our coaches by giving each coach a Tim Horton's gift card and a pack of gum.
- Thanksgiving Bulletin Board
Leadership students were creating a thanksgiving bulletin board that includes all names within our school community.
- PSLC
4 members from our student leadership team will attend the Provincial Student Leadership Conference in Grand Falls in Oct.

Next meeting: November 26