



Lester B. Pearson
Verdun Adult and Career Centre

Governing Board Minutes

October 2nd, 2019

Attendance: Ashlea Paxton, Prashanth Menon, Catalin Farcas, Michael Sehn, Ross McKay, Ben Levine, Kara Woods, Andrew Henry

Regrets: Mary-Ann Davis, Benedetta Castiglione

1.0 Welcome – Director

Welcome at 4:10 pm. Benedetta is on vacation and Mary-Ann couldn't make it.

2.0 Introduction of Members

Kara introduces herself and mentions some facts about herself.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Ben adds two topics to reports (field trips and student leadership). He wants a student to join for student leadership. Prashanth motioned to accept the agenda. Ross seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4.0 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (June 12th, 2019)

Ben read over last meetings minutes. Mike motioned to accept minutes from last meeting. Ross seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5.0 Governing Board Presentation (PowerPoint)

Kara presents PowerPoint explaining what a Governing Board is and what happens.

6.0 Business Arising

Secretary duties – recording minutes. Catalin motioned to accept business arising. Mike seconded motion. All were in favor.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Commissioner

Hooked on school? Ask Mary Ann to deliberate.

7.2 Director

(See Director's Report)

Includes:

Hired 3 more teachers. Not enough labs as we are full capacity.

VACC is now a CISCO academy as we have CISCO certified teachers. Prashanth explains that Cisco provides all lesson plans, prepares students for the exam and graduates get paid better in the field if CISCO certified.

GBM just started.

Plumbing students built a shower with John.

Simon was in Russia for the Olympics.

The 29th of October we will be holding an

Open House from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm. We will have the Olympics the same day as the open house.

Two RCD groups completed their stage.

Events: Corn roast and Grad. Plumbers will make burners for our next corn roast as we borrowed from PACC.

Cindy Finn's first grad was with us.

CTV add campaign September 3rd – 30th (total of 118 ads).

Having activities on Ped days (goat yoga, drumming, and scavenger hunt). We have done 3 fire drills.

May bring in firemen to better assess our exits.

7.3 Teachers

Plumbing and Heating – Mike mentions we have 5 groups running. Locker room is busy as we have many students. We need more tools, Jimmy and Real need to purchase more tools especially with GBM. John went to a conference and came back with plenty of information and plans to go greener.

Residential and Commercial Drafting + General Building Maintenance – Catalin says that Kara mentioned most of RCD already. Nice presentations for stage. New group just started and numbers are up. GBM – how to accommodate with so little labs, may have to share the labs with plumbing.

Computing Support – Prashanth says everything is going good. 6 day groups and 2 evening groups running. Lots more teachers coming in. Computers are being over worked.

7.4 Field Trips

GBM went to a church. RCD visited a market. Kara brought up a blanket approval of any field trips on island (approx. 10). All in favor

7.5 Student Leadership

Lack of student leadership has been a problem since it has started. Ross will speak to the students next time he is in the school. Last time students attended they were very helpful. Kara brought up mentioning it to the evening groups as they will already be here at the center the times of the meetings.

8.0 Correspondence

Refer to report

9.0 Public Question Period

N/A

10.0 Dates and Times of Next Meeting

4:00 pm on Wednesday December 4th, 2019 at Riventino's?

11.0 Good and Welfare

RCD students completed their stage at our Centre.

Prashanth's nephew was born.

Ardis was here for Grad and is enjoying her retirement.

12.0 Adjournment

Mike motioned to accept adjournment. Ross seconded the motion. All were in favor.