

VANCOUVER SOWERS SOCIETY OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Dec, 2016 Directors' Meeting

Date: Dec 15, 2016
 Time: 6:00 pm
 Venue: Community Room of Vancity Branch, No.3 Road, Richmond

Directors Present: Ben Choi, John Lee, Joyce Lei, Connie Thai, Karl Lam, Maurice Lui
 Absent: Wendy Hui
 Members Present: Catherine Tsao
 Chaired by: Ben Choi
 Minutes taken by: Joyce Lei

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.
2. Adoption of agenda
 It was approved by all and carried to adopt the agenda.
3. Adoption of minutes of last meetings on 18 Nov
 It was moved by John and carried to adopt the minutes.

4. Correspondence

- a) Letter from Mr. Lube in Oct 2016 was about enquiry of interest to join Night Market in Richmond. No further action was made.

5. President's Report

- a) Directors are kindly reminded to submit event proposal to the Board for approval before the commencement of each event, and completion report with finance summary within a month after the event.
- b) A donation receipt on \$2,000 was received from Horizons on Dec 8, 2016. The original receipt shall pass onto the Treasurer for record.
- c) An invitation was received from Ms. Noli of Horizons to attend their X'mas lunch on Dec 15, 2016.
- d) Following a change to the New Society Act on Nov 28, 2016, a registration of VSSE to the BCeID was made by Ben CHOI on Dec 8, 2016. Both user ID and password were created upon the instructions from the web, www.gov.bc.ca/societiesonline, the new ID & password are passed to the Secretary and John for future filing and changes. Ben, John and Joyce will have the access to the BCeID.
- e) To accommodate Directors' personal business, board meeting date shall be changed to bi-monthly in 2017, to Feb 17 (Fri), April 21 (Fri), June 16 (Fri), Aug 18 (Fri). AGM shall remain on Oct 6, 2017 (Fri), from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm.
- f) Directors are kindly reminded to email or contact the President before the commencement of the meeting if she or he cannot attend the forthcoming board meeting.
- g) PO Box: Ben will check the PO box on Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug. Joyce will take care in other months.
- h) Email Accounts
 - (i) vsse_members@vansowers.org: For the announcement of member activities.
 - (ii) vansowers@yahoo.com: For internal filing.
 - (iii) vansowers@Vansowers.org: For enquiries.

**To be Followed Up
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Ben & Joyce

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6. Vice President & Treasurer's Report	
a) Events & Activities	
(i) Cooking Class will be held by Wendy Lau on 29 Nov. 24 participants joined and CA188 was raised. Event Evaluation report – pending.	John
(ii) Dr Thomas Leung (梁燕城博士) 's talk about Nanhai (2017): no updates	John
(iii) Sharing Session: 印度歷史文化的演變與現狀 by Ming Chan & Wayne Fong will be held on 20 Dec.	John
(iv) Chinese-Canadian Talent Contest 2017: No Updates	John
(v) Committee of Fundraising and Member Activities: submission of event proposal form or report will be emailed to the Board at least one month before the event.	John
b) Tax Receipt: all the tax receipts of 2016 were sent out.	Completed
c) Bank Statements – Apologies. No updates due to busy work.	John
d) The change of Directors' names at BOC	John
e) Existing members: 99 New members: 24 Total: 123 (no updates)	John
7. Secretary's Report – no updates	
8. Director's Report (Karl)	
a) School Projects	
i) 紅土食堂 - Re-do the tiles in summer 2015: the project has been completed and accepted by HKSA in October 2015, but Karl found that the floor was not done too nicely.	Karl
• January, 2016: HKSA will check in the next visit in 2017 (No updates)	
ii) 大柏樹完小: It has been completed in Nov 2012 but the official audit report still has not been done.	Karl
• The receipt agreement (驗收協議書) will be prepared in December. (No updates)	
• It was also found in August that another organization had donated to build the school building, and the organization would have the naming right of the building. HKSA advised that VSSE still have the right for the whole school, and would further inquire the situation. (No updates)	
iii) 江西省興國縣下洲小學 - RMB 300,000 (May, 16: changed from RMB 350,811.00)	Karl
• The commemorative booklet is being prepared. Target to be completed in December. (No updates)	
iv) Status of schools that VSSE had sponsored (Karl enquired this in Dec, 2015).	Karl
• 白臘完小: In March, 16, the school was found to have been closed and merged with another school. Pending update regarding "moving the school name and memorial plaque to the new school", and how the vacant campus would be used. Also pending informing the donor. (No updates)	
• Other schools: No update this time.	
v) Bunk beds for 甲爪	Karl
• An agreement has been signed with the local parties. The procurement is being arranged for. (No updates)	
b) Heart-to-Heart Program	
i) Wah Kwong students	
• Margaret advised that our remittance to HKSA for Wah Kwong students had	Completed

<p>been received. We have also received the official receipt from HKSA.</p> <p>ii) University Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 donors have sent us the donation to support 9 students. • VSSE to send the donation amount to HKSA in mid-Jan. <p>iii) High school students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of students will be provided later. (No updates) 	John/Ming/Ben
<p>c) AIC account contact person change</p> <p>i) Dabby has signed the letter (requesting the change of contact person) and sent to AIC. AIC advised the change would be done.</p>	Karl
<p>d) 茶馬古道助學行 2017 - Video Conference with HKSA</p> <p>i) Karl has checked the Vancity Burnaby branch. Their TV and Wifi access to the Internet are good enough for video. The Board approved and Karl will help to coordinate the video conference.</p>	Karl
<p>9. New Business</p> <p>a) The mistake in item <u>14(a) Heart to Heart Proposal</u> in the previously approved Meeting Minutes (Sep) is amended as follows: It is moved by Ben, seconded by John and approved by the Board that 50 high school students, 2 university students and 20 Wah Kwong girls will be sponsored in the coming academic year (<u>2016/17</u>).</p> <p>b) Distribution of AGM Minutes (2016) – the Board agreed to send out the minutes before Christmas.</p>	Joyce
<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>a) Cycling Across Canada 2018 – Maurice proposed that the event will be coordinated with E & E Global, Crown Memorial & Chinese United Church. Maurice and Michael Li to follow up whether insurance premium will cover the activity.</p>	Maurice
<p>11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.</p>	
<p>12. The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Friday, Feb 17, at the Community Room of Vancity Branch, 5900 No 3 Road #100, Richmond.</p>	