

G. P. VANIER Secondary PAC  
Tuesday February 18, 2020  
6:30 pm

**Present**

Julie Shields, Principal  
Lee McKillican, Vice Principal  
Gesa Ward, Co-Chair  
Bobbi Rowntree, Co-Chair  
Stacey Brenson, Secretary  
Ronda Mayer, DPAC Rep

**Apologies**

Wayne Kuhnert, Vice  
Principal  
David Mayert, Vice  
Principal  
Sara Flinn, Treasurer  
SD71 Trustee

**1 Call to order – Welcome/Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with Gesa Ward as Chair

**2 Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the Agenda of the February 18, 2020 meeting.

**Brenson/ Rowntree  
Motion carried**

**3 Adoption of January 21, 2020 minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting as presented.

**Rowntree/Mayer  
Motion carried**

#### **4 Unfinished Business**

- a) No unfinished business

#### **5 Chair Report – Gesa Ward/Bobbi Rowntree**

Nothing to report

#### **6 Principals Report – Julie Shields**

##### **Vanier Admin Report – February 2020**

We can't believe it's been a month since our last report – time has flown by, and Vanier continues to shine in all areas. Here is a few of the highlights and upcoming events -

##### **Staffing Change –**

2019-2020 has been the year of continual hiring. Four staff members retired at the end of January – Gloria Schnell, Nancy Lawrence, Myrna Boorman, and Laura Derhousoff. As well, Karla Lasota accepted a counselling position with Cumberland Community School in January. In second semester we welcomed on staff Nicole Matthews (Foods), Meagan Roberge (Foods), Katie Van Waterschoot (Languages), Stephanie Morris (Counselling), Sara Meredith (PE), and Kolby Koschack (Indigenous Ed). There are still a number of support positions that are closing soon, or are yet to be filled.

##### **Grad –**

- The Grad Bursary Booklet was released online last week. Grads should read through the booklet and get their applications in early. Bursary packages are due at 1 pm on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The grad hockey game will be held March 10<sup>th</sup>. Parents of grads are invited to take part, or attend and watch a spirited game.

## **Academics** –

- Results of the January Numeracy and Literacy Assessment will be released in April.
- First semester report cards were sent home February 5<sup>th</sup> online through MyEd. If you have any questions or concerns please connect with the teacher first (email is best), and then the counsellor-admin team.
- Personal Learning Time on Friday afternoons (2:05-3:15) will start up again in second semester on Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> .

## **Athletics** –

- The Winter Sports Season is beginning to wrap up. Basketball is heading to North Islands, Islands or Provincials.
- Wrestling had a great weekend with Unya Hollmayer earning the provincial champion in her weight class. Vanier's team was noticed by many at the tournament for their skills and heart, and also their strength of character on and off the mat.
- Boys Alpine Ski team placed second on the Island, and Hailey Nelson was the individual Island champion.

## **Arts** –

- Vanier Improv has had many teams competing at Islands and North Island tournaments
  - Oddly Pacific - coached by alumnus Cam Macaulay - 3rd Place at the Island tournament, 2nd at North Islands
  - Jolly Jeaners - coached by alumnus Josh Langhorn - 4th Place at Islands / 1st at North Islands
  - Koltan Petty filled in for Graham at the Island tournament (with no practice since last year)
  - DJs in PJs coached by alumni Chloe Gadsby Jones - 5th at North Islands

- Band and Choir trips have been put on hold until Ms. Livingstone's return in March
- Destination Imagination returns to Vanier March 7<sup>th</sup>, with a full day of events!

### **Citizenship** –

- Fundraising events continue at Vanier, with the Community Events and Planning classes (9-12). Pink Shirt day will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Coming Up at Vanier**

- While it seems early, course selection for next year is beginning. Counselors are visiting classes this week to discuss the grade requirements with students. Next week, students will begin putting in their course requests into MyEd as classes, however the portal in MyEd is available now. The parent information night is Monday February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. There will be a general presentation, and then breaking up into different grades to answer any questions parents or students have.
- Vanier will host the Skills Canada Regional Tournament Friday February 21<sup>st</sup>. From baking to cabinetry, students will showcase their skills, and compete to earn a spot at Provincials.
- Our Grade 11 students will be off to North Island College this Thursday, to see all of the opportunities and courses NIC provides. This peek at NIC allows students to find out if they have all of their courses organized for next year or if they need to add a few prerequisites for their program of choice.

## **7 Trustee**

- a) Sends Apologies

## 8 Treasurer – Sara Flinn

- a) Sends Apologies

## 9 DPAC Report – Ronda Mayer

For the complete SD71 DPAC meeting minutes, please visit our site at: <https://sd71dpac.com/> under the “more information” paragraph you will find a link to minutes and agendas and there will also be other needed documents there for this DPAC update.

- Porn vs real life worksheet
- Defense of public education notes
- Foundry information

### **There were several items that were asked of us to bring forward to PAC at the last DPAC meeting:**

#### Support for Foundry:

“Please see info regarding FOUNDRY [here](#), letters of support from everyone are welcomed and appreciated.”

They are hoping to have a foundry built in the Comox Valley. We are short listed with 12 other schools. The DPAC was asked to write a letter of support stating why we needed a foundry to be built in the Comox Valley. – **Gesa Ward, CoChair, to write letter, showing support on behalf of the Vanier PAC.**

#### **6 New Business**

- Support for Foundry Centre- Children/Youth matter
  - Province is financing 6 more Centers, Comox Valley is on the short list
  - Letter of support from DPAC would be appreciated.
  - Lana Motioned, “a letter of support for the Foundry from DPAC be written” seconded by Emma, **CARRIED**

They also asked for letters of support from schools and individuals. They need these as soon as possible. I am new in the valley

and do not know how you would best get this word out, but I feel it is a very important matter, as a support to the school system.

The Defence of Public Education on the Executive Committee (position on the CDTA):

Karen Langemaier did a presentation, introducing herself and asking us to answer a few questions for her. They wanted to know how we would defend public education. I have attached the documents. You can also find them on the DPAC website. They have asked that we bring it up at the next PAC meeting. My feeling is that they are wondering if there committee is still useful to the teachers/schools (?)

Catchment-boundaries update:

“Spread the word to your school communities that the Committee of the Whole meeting at the board office on Feb 18th @ 6:30 pm is regarding the new catchment/boundaries proposal and is open to everyone, “ This falls on the same night as our PAC meeting. After this proposal on the 18<sup>th</sup>, a decision will be voted on, by the trustees, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February. This should help everyone to know what will happen in the upcoming year.

[https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1078585&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1361143](https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1078585&type=d&pREC_ID=1361143)

<https://www.placespeak.com/en/topic/6260-comox-valley-schools-catchment-consultation/>

RCMP involvement in our schools:

“What info would your PAC's want to hear from RCMP? or How would it be best to engage with the RCMP?” The thought here is to get more of

a presence in our schools, if we could have them to present, what would the best topic be to address? Addiction? Online safety? Other

\*\*Also of note, a child got hit in a school crosswalk last week. May we all remember to slow down in the school zones. Perhaps we could ask RCMP to patrol those areas at rush hours.

### Budget committee agenda:

There was a budget committee meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, (I have scanned the handout we were given and included it). Shannon Aldinger, DPAC rep asked us to bring to PAC: are there any immediate budget needs from schools? If so please bring them forward at next DPAC.

### Old Business:

#### Literacy program Courtenay El.

For the early literacy program being held at Courtenay El, I have attached the information about the group. I let Meghan from Courtenay El know that there is a book drive being held by Vanier's "Community Events and Planning Leadership teacher". I have spoken with Mrs. Amanda Lange and she feels in 3 weeks they will drop the books off to our PAC.

#### Stolen bikes Courtenay El.

<https://www.cheknews.ca/comox-valley-rcmp-continue-hunt-for-stolen-school-bicycles-634572/>

I have been in contact with Gavin Macphail, learning support teacher, at Courtenay El as to what they are looking for. They had 11 bikes stolen and have recovered 6. They are planning a community fundraiser and will forward us the information in the next little while so that we may

help spread the word. Again I do not know the best way this would be done, if someone has some guidance it would be appreciated.

## **10 New Business**

a) Careers Course – Gesa Ward

Brief discussion on when marks will be reported to myedbc.

Julie to report back at next meeting.

## **11. Adjourn meeting at 7:24pm**

***Motion:*** To adjourn the February 18, 2020 meeting.

**Ward/Mayer  
Motion carried**

**Next PAC meeting will be April 21, 2020**