

G. P. VANIER Secondary PAC
Tuesday November 17, 2020
6:30 pm
Via: ZOOM

Present

Julie Shields, Principal
Lee McKillican, Vice-Principal
David Mayert, Vice Principal
Michelle Waite, Trustee
Gesa Ward, Chairperson
Salinas LaPerriere, Vice Chairperson
Stacey Brenson, Secretary
Sara Flinn, Treasurer
Jocelyn Manley, DPAC Rep
Andrea Sorensen
KellyJoy Miles
Nicole Desjarlais
M. Kimmins
Monica Parkins
Vo Minh Tan Le

Apologies

Wayne Kuhnert, Vice
Principal
Lori Forrest, DPAC Rep

1 Call to order – Welcome/Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm with Gesa Ward as Chairperson

2 Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the November 17, 2020 agenda as presented
(LaPerriere/Brenson.)

Vote: Motion carried. 10 in favour, 0 opposed

Resolved: To adopt the November 17, 2020 agenda as presented

3 Adoption of October 20, 2020 minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting as
presented (Flinn/Parkin.)

Vote: Motion carried. 10 in favour, 0 opposed

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting as presented.

4 Unfinished Business

- a) Engrave It have offered two options for a tree plaque (Teacher Appreciation):

Bronze or Aluminum, lifetime warranty, \$200-\$250

In house (other material), 10-year lifespan, \$25-30.

Lee McKillican, VP, to ask staff if they would be interested/able in creating an In-house plaque for the tree that was planted.

Motion: To approve that Gesa Ward, Chairperson, order a \$30.00 plaque from Engrave It. (Ward/LaPerriere)

Vote: Motion carried. 10 in favour, 0 opposed

Resolved: To approve that Gesa Ward, Chairperson, order a \$30.00 plaque from Engrave It.

5 Chairperson Report – Gesa Ward

Teachers, administrators, and students have just undergone an intense 10-week term under less than ideal conditions. I would like to thank and acknowledge the staff and administration for their diligence to Covid safety, and flexibility and accommodation to students. I know things were very challenging, especially in the first few weeks, as everyone adjusted. With Covid cases on the rise, we are heading into even more challenging times in the weeks ahead. On behalf of the G P Vanier PAC we thank you and remind you we are here to help whenever needed.

6 Principals Report – Julie Shields

November 2020 PAC Meeting Report (Admin)

First term has come to an end, and so has many of the courses students were in. We will be looking closely at students' marks and progress to see how moving to a Quarterly system (2 blocks a day) has impacted our grades 9-12. Students are settling into their term 2 classes, with course changes ending today.

Athletics in the province are starting to be played, with strict COVID restrictions. These restrictions have limited the opportunities for students to play, but some sports are starting up, such as skiing, and basketball.

Inside and outside the classroom Vanier continues to support citizenship activities and awareness campaigns. Rotary Interact students organized a food drive, while the Social Justice 10 class helped organize an Awareness Walk in support of Indigenous Reconciliation initiatives. The Sports Leadership class helped to organize a Haunted House in our multipurpose room, to the enjoyment of the classes that went through it.

Our Fine Arts and Practical Arts students shone both virtually and in person, with a number of contests they entered online. Students have started photography clubs, Improv, Jazz Band, and other activities of interest. Some clubs are continuing into the fall, being cognizant of COVID restrictions and social distancing.

Vanier will be starting the first of six FLEX days this term on Wednesday November 25th. Students may be required to come in for extra help, extra time to write tests, catch up on missing assignments, or continue with their courses online. Senior students can use this time to finish their Careers 11 or 12 online class, their capstone project, work experience, Bursary application, or other school related activities. Staff will be in their classrooms, and students will be assigned to their teachers with a Wednesday schedule being followed.

With the rising COVID numbers in the province, and the change of term, we have been reminding staff and students about COVID protocols in our building. Wearing of masks inside the building in our public spaces or when learning cohorts are mixed, entering the building using the closest door to the students' classroom, sanitizing hands upon entering the building and/or classrooms, socially distancing where possible, virtual presentations, etc. We continue to monitor the weather every day before school and at lunch with regards to having inside days – knowing that when the COVID virus is present, it is more likely spread indoors and in close proximity. Staff have been part of the Health and Safety Committee looking at how to operationalize 1100+ people in the building at lunch and before school, our open spaces, and how to best keep everyone safe.

Upcoming Events at Vanier –

November

- 19 Non-Instructional Day
- 25 Report Cards issued online through MyEdBC
- 25 First Vanier Flex Day
- 30 Grad Photos begin (until Dec 4)

December

- 15 5-week term electives end
- 16 New 5-week term electives end
- 18 Last day of school before Winter Break

No PAC Meeting is scheduled for December. January 19th is the next PAC Meeting

7 Vice-Principal – Lee Mckillican

- a) Flex Wednesdays Presentation

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgxwKjTTLGWjxnWpDKWKHcDbXBDfq?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

8 Vice-Principal – David Mayer

- a) Athletics. Volleyball has started under strict guidelines. There are no games, strictly individual skill building. Basketball will start in December under the same guidelines.

9 Trustee – Michelle Waite

Enrollment in our District increased by approximately 900 students, equating to 9,500 full-time equivalent (FTE) funded students.

NIDES enrolment increased by approximately 1,200 including 240 from within the District.

Kept report brief to makes space for the business of the PAC as time was limited.
Thank-you.

10 Treasurer – Sara Flinn

- a) Budget for the 2020/2021 school year to be presented upon verification of Gaming funds. Funds have not been received as of November 17, 2020. Budget will be presented at an additional PAC meeting on December 15, 2020 .
- b) Gaming grants, according to the Ministry of Education, will remain the same as previous years and is based on last years enrollment.

11 DPAC – Jocelyn Manley

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12New Business

- a) Approval of the 2020/2021 Georges. P. Vanier Budget – If gaming funds have been deposited into account; There is a delay this year due to the pandemic.

**Funds have not been received as of November 17, 2020.

Motion: To hold a PAC meeting on Tuesday December 15, 2020 to approve budget. Subject to gaming funds being deposited to PAC gaming account (Ward/LaPerriere.)

Vote: Motion carried. 10 in favour, 0 opposed

Resolved: To hold a PAC meeting on Tuesday December 15, 2020 to approve budget. Subject to gaming funds being deposited to PAC gaming account

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

Next PAC meeting will be Tuesday December 15, 2020