

G. P. VANIER Secondary PAC
Tuesday October 15, 2019
6:30 pm

Present

Julie Shields, Principal
Lee McKillican, Vice Principal
Gesa Ward, Co-Chair
Bobbi Rowntree, Co-Chair
Stacey Brenson, Secretary
Sara Flinn, Treasurer
Ronda Mayer, DPAC Rep
Emma Dixon
Mary Taubor
Maureen Scoville

Apologies

Dave Miller, Vice Principal
David Mayert, Vice Principal
Tonie Frawley, Trustee

1 Call to order – Welcome/Introductions

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

2 Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To approve the Agenda of the October 15, 2019 meeting.

**Flinn/ Ward
Motion carried**

3 Adoption of September 17, 2019 minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting as presented.

**Flinn/Ward
Motion carried**

4 Unfinished Business

- a) No unfinished business

5 Chair Report – Gesa Ward/Bobbi Rowntree

Nothing to report

6 Principals Report – Julie Shields

PAC Report – October 15th, 2019

School Events in September/October –

- Thriving at High School occurred. We had about 40 parents and students show up.
- Meet the Teacher occurred in the gym for the second year in a row.
- The Terry Fox Day was a great school spirit builder. At this point, over \$4000 has been raised this year.
- Athletics are up and running!
- 8 teachers are working on environmental sustainability at Vanier. Improving our recycling is a major topic, as well as reducing our footprint. We are working on creating sound habits of mind as a yearlong initiative.

Athletics

- Volleyball, gr 8, junior and senior girls participating in tournaments, having a fair bit of success!
- Jr and Senior Boys volleyball are also underway. The junior team is coached by two senior boys.
- Boys soccer is doing well thanks to a strong international component.
- Jr boy's rugby are playing an exhibition game on Oct 21st against a team from Halifax School, UK.

Upcoming Events –

- The sea can containing our Health and Safety emergency supplies will be moved tomorrow to its final location by the Teddies and Toddlers.
- The first Grad Parent meeting will be held on October 22nd at 7 pm. Grade 11 parents are invited as well, as plans are underway for Winterfest
- Post Secondary Institute day will be on October 24th - approximately 12 different universities will be here to meet with students. Attendance is mandatory for grade 12's.
- Our school is participating in a Downie Wenjack Reconciliation walk on October 29th. Approximately 210 students are walking from Walmart back towards Vanier.
- A variety of events are being held for Halloween week. Plans are still preliminary
- Term one ends November 6th, report cards posted to myed on November 18th, and parent/teacher interviews on November 21st. Parent teacher interviews will be booked online, and instructions sent closer to the date.
- NIC will hold a parent student information night on November 20th, 6:30

8 Trustee – Tonia Frawley

Sends Apologies

9 Treasurer – Sara Flinn

- a) \$20,640.00 was deposited to the gaming account on the 30th of September. Budget to be presented and voted on at the next PAC meeting, November 19, 2019.

10 DPAC – Ronda Mayer

- a) Please see attached DPAC minutes

10 New Business

- a) Edge Imaging photos – Lack of Quality. Vanier does not have any signed contracts for the 2020/2021 school year and will be looking at different options. If a parent would like to lodge a complaint, please email customercare@edgeimaging.ca.
- b) Vaping and Teenagers – Mary Taubor

Discussion on Vaping and the negative effects. Mary and Ronda to take concerns to DPAC.

GP Vanier Vaping and Smoking Policy

All public and private kindergarten to Grade 12 schools in B.C. are tobacco and vape-free under the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act and Regulation. This ban extends to all school property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of whether or not school is in session. The ban also includes vehicles, parking lots, sports fields, driveways, courtyards, and private vehicles parked on school property. Under the regulation a person must not deal in, sell, offer for sale, distribute, provide, advertise or promote the use of tobacco or vapour products. It also states that a person must not smoke or use tobacco, or hold lighted tobacco/use an e-cigarette, or hold an activated e-cigarette, in or on school property.

If a student is found using an e-cigarette or tobacco or holding lighted tobacco or an activated e-cigarette on the school grounds (including the track/sports centre and surrounding forested areas), in violation of the act, the following progressive discipline cycle will apply:

Step 1 -Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia
-Parents Contacted, education package #1, meet with Youth & Family Worker

Step 2 -Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia
-Parents Contacted, education package #2, meet with Youth & Family Worker
-Lunchtime Detention

Step 3 -Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia
-Parents Contacted, education package #3, meet with John Howard Outreach
-1 Day Out of School Suspension

Step 4 -Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia
-Parents Contacted, education package #4, meet with John Howard Outreach
-3 Day Out of School Suspension

Step 5 -Confiscation of Tobacco or Vapour Products and Paraphernalia
-Parents Contacted, meet with John Howard Outreach
-Suspension to the Board of Education

*If this violation of the act happens inside the school buildings discipline will start at Step 4. *If the violation of the act includes providing, selling or distributing Tobacco or Vapour Products the discipline will start at Step 4. *Failure to hand over a vape will be considered failure to follow direction

11. Adjourn meeting at 7:38pm

Motion: To adjourn the September 17, 2019 meeting.

**Flinn/Ward
Motion carried**

Next PAC meeting will be Tuesday November 19, 2019.

MINUTES for the General meeting of the SD71 District Parent Advisory Council, held at SD71 School Board Office on MONDAY OCTOBER 7, 2019 at 6:30pm in Board Room.

ATTENDANCE: Danita Schmidt DPAC Chair Donna Graves DPAC Vice-Chair Lorne Taylor DPAC Secretary Shawn Thir - Courtenay El. Brooke Finlayson - Brooklyn Megan Cowling - Brooklyn Alt. Shannon Simpson - Huband Jen Fisher - Robb Pam Powell Shannon Williamson - Arden Angie Prescott - Miracle Beach Ronda Mayer - Vanier Shannon Aldinger - Isfeld Emma Graham Dixon - Cumberland Lisa Torry - Highland

10 of 21 voting reps (min. of 7 req'd for quorum)

Janice Caton - SD71 Trustee Sheila McDonnell - SD71 Trustee Kathleen Hawksby - SD71 Trustee Tom Demeo - SD71 Superintendent Geoff Manning - SD71 Assistant Superintendent Esther Shatz - SD71 Director of Student Services Allen Douglas - SD71 Director of Instruction

1 Call to Order @ 6:30pm Introductions Approval of the minutes from previous meetings: JUNE 17, 2019 CARRIED Additions to Agenda and Adoption CARRIED with AMENDMENTS

2 Presentation • None

3 Correspondence

10/4/19 - BCCPAC DPAC Leadership Summit —November 15-16 at the Westin Wall Centre hotel in Richmond BC— is your single best opportunity to connect face-to-face with other DPAC leaders from across the province, with BCCPAC Board and with senior staff within the Ministry of Education. We invite you to send at least one (max of two) of your executive leadership team to attend on behalf of your district parents. We are pleased to offer travel subsidies to assist DPAC representatives (who have renewed membership) travelling a great distance from their district to attend the Summit. While online registration by October 14 is required for all attendees to secure your seat and your accommodations, the cost to send two members of your DPAC Executive will be covered by BCCPAC including paid shared accommodation at the venue.

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10/3/19 - NIC NIC's Regional Community Forum. The forum will be held: Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019 at the Crown Isle Resort, Gold Room, starting with lunch at 12 noon Please RSVP to: Christiana.wiens@nic.bc.ca by Oct. 15. If you can not attend please, send an alternate from your organization, so that your insight and perspectives can be well represented. We expect the forum to end around 4 pm, however a more detailed agenda will follow closer to the date. Your input will help inform NIC's Strategic Plan 20-25, which will determine the College's priorities and goals in the next five years. The day will include an opportunity to hear and provide feedback on: NIC's planning process and activities to date, including issues and trends in NIC's Environmental Scan; College values as well as community and student feedback NIC highlights/plans specific to the region. The forum will also discuss the results of NIC's Strategic Planning Survey.

9/23/19 - Kerri Isham My name is Kerri Isham and I am a Certified Sexual Health Educator based out of Nanaimo. I have created a workshop called "How to Talk to Kids About Pornography". The current research suggests that pornographers viewing is a public health crisis. Is this something your district would've interested in hosting?

9/23/19 - Danna Starritt CCSPA Chair There are a couple of parents from our Cumberland Community School PAC that are starting to take on assisting with our school's Earthquake Preparedness - protocol and supplies etc. We met with Paul Berry from CVESS in May and got an initial run down on what

they do to assist, what they can provide, etc. We are wondering what, if any, resources are going towards this at the DPAC or district level? Apparently, the Vancouver School Board has an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator who assists all schools with their plans so that we aren't all re-creating the wheel and going through the same learning curve processes at each individual school. And district wide efforts may also help with cost-efficiencies if emergency supplies need to be purchased/replenished. If nothing is already being done or available, would DPAC consider starting to put this issue on the table?

4 Reports

Danita Schmidt (DPAC Chair) • Welcome back. Looking forward to a productive year.

David Gillis (DPAC Treasurer) • Regrets unable to attend

Shannon Aldinger (Sexual Health Committee) • Seeking update re: recommendations made by Esther Shatz at June 2019 board meeting; • The 2019/20 budget has an allocation funding for a 0.2 FTE equivalent to \$20,000. After consultation with the district principals and vice-principals, the following recommendations on how to allocate the funds were presented to the Board: 1. Contract Dr. Vanston four hours per month throughout the school year to provide consultation regarding critical issues and resources; 2. Use the remainder of the FTE equivalent to provide release time to those teachers who are in need of training and to purchase and update resources as necessary; 3. Re-establish our relationship with our community partners, Island Health in particular to provide expert consultation and possible sessions to our students;

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4. Design a learning series for grade 11 and 12 students outside of the curriculum regarding issues of consent, digital safety and preparing for life after high school; and 5. Invite Dr. Vanston to present at the 2020 teacher Professional Development day. • 2 new curriculum support guides have been prepared by Ministry of Education and available on- line re: sexual health and internet safety (among other issues): ○ Supporting Student Health – Elementary: ■

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Supporting_Student_Health_Elementary.pdf ○ Supporting Student Health – Secondary: ■ https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Supporting_S

tudent_Health_Secondary.pdf • SIECCAN (Sex Information & Education Council of Canada) released Canadian Guidelines for Sexual Health Education: <http://sieccan.org/pdf/guidelines-eng.pdf> • Reminder of website resources provided by Dr. Claire: ○ For puberty talks specifically: ■ www.plannedparenthood.org/parents/puberty-101-for-parents ■ www.kidshealth.org/parent/positive/talk/talk_girls.html ○ www.kidshealth.org/kid/grow/boy/boys_puberty.html ○ Websites for teens & parents: ■ www.drclaire.ca ■ www.kidshealth.org ■ www.amaze.org ■ www.fightthenewdrug.org ■ www.sexandu.ca • Article for distribution: “Don’t Wait: How to talk to teenagers about porn”, Tanith Carey, The Guardian (Aug 31, 2019) <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2019/aug/31/how-to-talk-to-teenagers-about-porn> • Sexual health speaker series: ○ Dr. Claire Vanston in February 2020 ○ Presentation on youth on pornography – possibly Kerri Isham for November Esther S. (Director of Student Services) - Sexual Health Curriculum Implementation Update • Dr. Claire is contracted by the school district 4 hrs / month to update resources and provide consultation to teachers and staff. Focus this year is on high schools. • A priority is to update the sexual health curriculum for special needs students. • In the process of designing a learning series for Gr11/12 students. • Dr Claire is hoping to come to talk to parents at some time this year when she’s available and in the valley. • A public health nurses are now assigned to each elementary school in the valley. • Dr. Claire is available to parents for any questions via her website. • Resources available on district website: ○ https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1064569&type=d&pREC_ID=1359100 ○ https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1064569&type=d&pREC_ID=1357794

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• How will sexual health be assessed. Esther agreed that assessment will occur, but it will be difficult. What are the parameters of the assessment. Point was made that connecting with student leadership will be important to measure success. • Consistency of the presentation of Consent curriculum for all students was commented as being particularly important. • As a community what other resources are being presented to students at our schools about sexual health? Is there a way the sexual health committee can survey that information? Perhaps DPAC reps could ask those questions at

each of their schools • Wed Nov 27 possible presentation for parents about “How To Talk To Your Kids About Porn”

MOTION: Pending approval from the DPAC treasurer to spend up to \$750 to bring Kerri Isham, subject to her availability, to do a presentation for parents on Nov 27 on the topic of “How to Talk to Kids About Pornography.” -
MOVED BY JEN F. 2nd BY SHANNON A.

Shelia M. and Janice C. (Trustees) • Sheila presented the 2019-23 Strategic Plan. 2019-2023 Board of Education Strategic Plan • Meeting the challenge of more students. We have enough spaces but not in the right locations. • Funding model review with the BC Government is ongoing. Updates will be provided as they come available. • The School Board has a new monthly newsletter. Which can be found on the Comox Valley Schools website. Here's a link to the first issue. Tom D. (Superintendent) • Enrollment Numbers are up. Still waiting for the final numbers. Elementary, Secondary, and Alternate are all up. 95% were placed in their catchment schools. • Starting Boundary Catchment consultation. 12 meetings will happen between now and end of November. Will present some possible scenarios for boundary changes and ask for feedback from the community. They will use face to face meetings, an online forum (specifically PlaceSpeak), and a survey to gather feedback from the community. The goal is to have information back to the Trustees by January. • The Sustainability Committee. Lead by Geoff Manning Sustainability reps at each school. 3 scheduled meetings throughout the year. • Mental Health initiative pathways to hope. Sep 12 was an announcement was chosen as the second district in the province to be recipient of initiative to expand resource base to provide to family and students affected by mental health and addiction. District admin will be involved in the planning process. The details have yet to be laid out by the government • Earthquake preparedness - Paul Berry to attend next DPAC meeting if he is available. It would be helpful if PAC's and DPAC reps could email questions and concerns to him before hand so that he can come prepared. • The FSA. The Fraser Inst. uses data to rank schools. Tom Allen made a presentation about the FSA to address any misconceptions about what is / isn't and address concerns parents may have.

5 Old Business • none

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6 New Business • DPAC Visioning - tabled until next month • Shannon S. (Huband) - Huband is very full. This is causing some anxiety issues for some of the students especially those diagnosed mental health issues. There are also problems with cleanliness in the bathrooms and some kind of problem with sewage system causing problems with the schools' toilets. Huband PAC is requesting from the SD71 Admin custodial time during the day to deal with some of these ongoing issues.

7 Upcoming Events

**Tue Oct 22 - Regular SD71 School Board meeting @ School Board Office 7-9pm
Nov 15-16 - DPAC Leadership Summit**

8 Next Meeting: November 4, 2019 6:30pm @ Arden

9 Adjourn 8:29pm CARRIED

**Any questions or comments please don't hesitate to contact us.
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