

## Vanier Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

held via Zoom on Tuesday November 18,2021 at 6:30pm

### **Attendance**

Salinas Laperriere – Chair	Sara O’Malley
Trish McPhail - Co-Chair	Rae Walsh
Megan Penney - Treasurer	Jiffy
Jocelyn Manley - DPAC rep	Jackie Pawluk
Diane Noll - Secretary	Nancy Rossignol
Julie Shields – Principal	Rae Walsh
Lee McKillican – VP	
Michelle Waite - School Trustee	

### **1.Call to Order** - Welcome and introduction

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm with Salinas Laperriere  
Recognition of Traditional Territories by Julie Shields.

### **2.Adoption of Agenda:**

Motion to adopt agenda Nov 18, 2021. Carried Megan and Rae Walsh

### **3.Adoption of September 15,2021 minutes**

Motion to adopt minutes from October 16, 2021 meeting. Carried Jocelyn and Megan

### **4.Unfinished Business/**

#### **5a. Chair Report: Salinas Laperriere**

-Had a Tour of Vanier and felt like the tour was a movie stage of the perfect school, it was amazing. What stood out was the number of opportunities the students have here at Vanier: cafeteria, students taking apart small engines, graphics room, the science super labs, library, staff room, etc, were all absolutely amazing.

-had a meeting with the Environmental club: they are excited about helping our planet. They meet at lunch on Friday’s. As a PAC, we may be thinking of allocating some funds, perhaps towards mental health and environmental initiatives. I feel these 2 things go hand in hand. Perhaps students would feel more confident and comfortable knowing their school was a more Green school: caring about composting, recycling, cutting down water consumption, having healthy options etc. Possibly challenging other schools to become more Green as well. They had many ideas, but 2 that stood out were healthy drink options and allocating some of the extra money from PAC to where we can put a percentage of the gaming money towards environment initiatives. The Environmental

club will be getting back to us with a list and prices of things on what can be done to help the school.

-We have 3 new signing authorities: Salinas, Trish and Megan. Also the home addresses will now be changed to Vanier's school address for ease of future changes. New cheques coming in the mail.

-for the bank purposes: Megan and Salina are requesting On Line Banking. On Line Banking would be a way for everything to be more visible and an easier way to transfer things over.

## **b. Administration Report: principal Julie Shields**

First term has come to an end, and the winter term has begun. Report cards will be issued early next week. October-November was a very busy month for our staff and students, with many events taking place.

Athletic opportunities and teams are beginning to return to pre-COVID levels, with a few restrictions and requirements in place to limit any possible transmission. Intramurals at lunch have returned with a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, run by the sports leadership class. On the field and the courts, the fall season is wrapping up, and the winter sports are starting up -

### Fall Athletics

- Gr 8 Girls volleyball wrapped up with the Zone tournament on Monday finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Coached by Mr Miller and Mr McMath
- Gr 8 Boys volleyball wrapped up with the Zone tournament on Monday finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> place. Coached by Mr Pattison
- Jr Girls volleyball ran two teams, one wrapped up last week with a fun tournament in Powell river, while the other finished their season by competing in the North Island tournament in Nanaimo. Coached by Mr Tancon (TOC)
- Jr Boys volleyball finished off over the weekend with an appearance at the Island Tournament in Ladysmith. They previously placed second in both the zone and North Island tournaments. Coached by Mr Bowater (TOC)
- Sr Girls are competing in the Island tournament at Dover Bay this weekend. A top 3 finish could see them advancing to provincials. Coached by Mr Rebitt
- Sr Boys are hosting the Island tournament this weekend with games Friday and Saturday. A top 3 finish could see them advancing to provincials. Coached by Jamie Barnie (parent)
- Sadie Williams is at the BC School Sports Swimming Provincials this weekend in Vancouver, having qualified for 3 events.
- The first year of our disc golf club, coached by Mr Barber, has recently wrapped up a successful season.
- Our Cross Country team continues to meet and run weekly with Mrs Haut. Several athletes competed in the Powell River meet this fall.

- A group composed mostly of International students also took part in an exhibition match against the Isfeld Boys soccer team. Thank you to Mr McDonald for organizing this opportunity.

### Winter Sports

- Grade 9 boys, coached by James Shepard (community coach), grade 9 girls, coached by Peter Parke (Community Coach), Junior boys, coached by Tony Edwards (Community Coach) and Junior girls, coached by Peter Parke (Community Coach), and Senior boys, coached by Larry Street (TOC) and girls, coached by Benzion Eni (Community Coach) and Quinton Hatch (parent,) basketball teams have been practicing for the last few weeks, with the season starting in December.
- Our Senior Girls basketball team will be hosting a tournament December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and our Junior girls will be hosting a tournament December 17/18.
- Grade 8 girls basketball, coached by Mr Paul, have their first practice tomorrow afterschool and grade 8 boys, coached by Mr McDonald, have their first practice on Monday afterschool.
- Our Wrestling team, coached by Mr McKee, has been practicing for the last month in preparation for the upcoming season.
- Our Ski/Snowboard team will be starting up soon and has already had sign up meetings with Mr Erickson and Mr Armstrong.
- Weightlifting club, coached by Ed Lafleur (community Coach), continues to run Mondays and Thursdays afterschool and will soon be adding Wednesdays.
- We also have 2 athletes training with Chimo Gymnastics who will be competing for Vanier this winter.

Inside and outside the classroom Vanier continues to support citizenship activities and awareness campaigns. The Social Justice class organized an Awareness Walk (Walk for Wenjack) 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. Rotary Interact held a Poinsettia fundraiser for a project in Haiti, and the Vanier Hamper Drive is beginning to be put together as Vanier continues its participation in this great local campaign.

Our Fine Arts and Practical Arts students shone both virtually and in person. Clubs are growing within the school as students follow their passions and find a way to bring others together. Students have started photography clubs, Improv, Jazz Band, and other activities of interest. Our grade 8's held their first concert showcasing their band and improv skills which grow every day.

Students currently in grade 12 English classes wrote their Literacy 12 assessment the first week of November. There are three assessments that students need to write in order to graduate – Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and Literacy 12. Many grade

11 and 12's also wrote their missing grade 10 assessments at that time. The next session of the assessments will be written January 24-27<sup>th</sup> when students in English 10/Math 10 classes will write their assessments.

Vanier has continued using FLEX days this year, with days placed to support students staying on track, asking for help, writing missing quizzes and tests, extension activities, etc. 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.

On a sad note, the district crisis team and counsellors were called in to support students and staff when a grade 12 student at Vanier passed away due to a motor vehicle accident. An email was sent home to students and parents with tips and suggestions for coping with grief, signs to watch for, and supports/resources in the valley.

## Upcoming Events at Vanier –

### November

- 23 Report Cards issued online through MyEdBC
- 24 Grade 9 Immunizations
- 30 Grad Photos begin (until Dec 3)

### December

- 8 Winterfest
- 13 Winter Band Concert
- 17 Last day of school before Winter Break

No PAC Meeting is scheduled for December. January 18<sup>th</sup> is the next PAC Meeting

## **c. Vice Principals Report: Lee McKillican**

Rotary Service Student of the Month for November: Rosie O'Brennan: went to Crown Isle for that presentation. Congrats to Rosie!

**-GRAD:** emails were sent home. Decision was made in regards to having no food at the Winterfest: we will celebrate together with family(Parents and Grad parents), forgoing the food. Dec 8, 2021, doors open at 6pm. There will be a photo Booth, Scott Christie the hypnotist, and a slide show.

#### **d. DPAC Report: Jocelyn Manley**

-DPAC meeting:due to the growth in the valley, schools need think about what that is going to look like long term regarding schools. Schools that have typically been under capacity are almost full or full. The school district is looking into this and are starting to plan out what that is going to look like. Spaces in school may have to do some shuffling to free up classroom spaces to make room for more students.

-topic of potential nighttime vandalism: concept if you light a school at night time does it encourage people to come hang out. But likewise if it is dark we can't see what's going on despite security monitoring. Possibly could student bodies get involved to think of ideas, so this happens less often? Due to the struggling supply chain, replacing things like broken windows is difficult. What can we do?

-minutes for DPAC are attached.

-speaker series: White Hatter: had a talk about the positives of student gaming. Also please check out the speaker series posted on the website, they typically are 1 hour in length and are very informative.

#### **-School Board Trustee Report: Michelle Waite**

-working on a Draft Policy on Non discrimination posted on the school district's website where people have until June 30th to comment on the draft. Those comments will come back to the trustees to finalize the policy.

- The policy is the "What" and then there is a secondary document that will need to be created called an Administrative Procedure that walks people through the "How". Policies are sometimes called regulations and they are the "how" the district and administrative teams follow a policy or results if something happens. This is posted on the website: if something happens, it shows the process to go through. There is a list in the administrative procedures.

-Public Board Meeting next Tuesday Nov 23, 2021

-along with the other 59 school districts in the province, we are reviewing the process to make a determination on whether or not the Board is going to determine if there needs to be a Vaccine Policy in the district. We are working through that process, and at some point the decision will be finalized and information will be given on what that looks like.

#### **e. Treasurer's Report: Megan Penney**

-the Budget is getting there and by the next meeting, we will know a lot more.

-unable to find any budgets prior to 2019. Trying to figure out what is reasonable for athletics

-Julie says 32% is fair for a normal year with 1/3 of the students participating in sports. Due to covid, even though travel is down, hotel rooms are up (social distancing, only 2 students instead of 4 per room).

-extra curricular /fine arts 17%

Question from Jackie: coaching compensation. Do staff have incentives to become coaches and what is the cost of community coaches?

Julie: some districts used to compensate coaches with time, particularly senior coaches, however it is not common anymore. Coaches that step up do not receive compensation.

-\$150 start up costs per student: if someone on the team is unable to pay start up cost, is there any funding available?

Julie: yes, hardship funds can be provided through PAC

-Salinas: there are also fundraising opportunities

Question: how is the 32% for athletics and 17 % for fine arts based?

Julie: typically travel for the arts is less, requiring less funding.

-every year as a PAC we get gaming funds which is approximately \$22,000, the percentages come from here

-Julie: The budget and percentages were fairly typical in 2019 to a normal year, we could use these numbers going forward. If more funds are needed (ie. sports team goes to championships, PAC can shift funds at that time).

-Legacy Project was discussed last meeting thinking there was an excessive amount of funds left over from last year. Unfortunately this was not the case. There were outstanding cheques that had not been cleared.

Opening balance of almost \$25,000 less the outstanding \$, add Gaming, we have approx \$36,000 presently.

-We now have bank statements, cheques and have an idea of what is normal, by next meeting, the budget will be in line.

-Megan will distribute the budget asap.

Lee asked if 50/50 draws was approved for Winterfest: Magen:yes it was.

Trish asked if the gaming grant get approved: Magen: yes.

-report will be up and ready soon: approx \$44,000. \$8000 will be given to Vanier( as per last year), \$7000 was for the bike rack,

-money allocation percentages, are on past Budgets on the Pac Meeting, GP Vanier Website: skill and development, athletics, extra curricular, fine arts, student assistance awards/GRAD and yearbooks. Proposing to add environmental initiatives.

## **6.New Business**

Question: Sara: are there any Budgets we can see prior to 2019? Julie: yes, she has previous Budgets and will make available

When PAC comments or votes on a Budget in the future, if we wanted to add something in there in regards to mental health due to covid, allocating money for that. When is

there an opportunity to discuss that and when do we do that? Salinas: send Salanis an email from the GP Vanier website( [salinasv@hotmail.com](mailto:salinasv@hotmail.com) ) of ideas, come to a meeting.

**7. Next meeting** is January 18<sup>th</sup>,2021 at 6:30 pm. We will let you know if it is going to be via Zoom or in person.

**8. Adjournment:** Trish adjourns the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Thanks everyone for attending