

Vanier Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday ,2021 at 6:30pm

held via Zoom

Attendance

Salinas Laperriere – Chair	Sara O'Malley
Trish McPhail - Co-Chair	Amie Moore
Megan Penney - Treasurer	Terri Hatch
Donna Desmet - DPAC rep	Alexandra Lamont
Diane Noll - Secretary	Donna Desnel
Julie Shields – Principle	Rae Walsh
Lee McKillican – VP	Petra
Michelle Waite - School Trustee	

1. Call to Order - Welcome and introduction

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm with Trish McPhail as Co-Chair
Recognition of Traditional Territories by Julie Shields.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to adopt agenda Oct 19,2021. Carried Salinas and Alexandra

3. Adoption of September 15,2021 minutes

Motion to adopt minutes from September 21, 2021 meeting. Carried Donna, Diane and Rae

4. Unfinished Business- none at this time

5.Reports:

a. Chair Report: Trish McPhail

Nothing to report at this time

b. Principal's Report Julie Shields

School Events in September/October –

- White Hatter Presentations to students and parents have occurred online. The final presentation will be Oct 21st.
- The Terry Fox Day was a great school spirit builder. At this point, over \$1300 has been raised this year.
- Student government elections occurred, and Student Voice (student elections for provincial and federal elections) happened. Vanier had a great turn out
- Athletics are up and running!
- Vanier, especially our bathrooms, continue to be damaged by students, most likely due to TikTok challenges.

Athletics

- Fall Athletics are back!
- We are currently running gr 8, Jr and Sr girls and boys volleyball with a mix of staff (Gr 8 boys-Mr Pattison, Gr 8 girls-Mr McMath/Mr Miller, Sr girls-Mr Rebitt) and community coaches. All teams are competing in regional league play (Campbell River, Powell River, Port Alberni) and most of the jr and sr teams have competed in tournaments in Nanaimo and Victoria. Playoffs start at the beginning of November. Mr Follis' Athletic Leadership class has been doing a great job of supporting the teams with scorekeepers and referees.
- Spectators are permitted at games, but they must sign in at the gym and remain masked. Spectators are not permitted at practices and parents have been asked to wait outside for pickup.
- Mrs. Haut is sponsoring the x-country team. Several athletes just competed in the Powell River meet last week and will be going to Islands in the weeks to come. Mr Barber has also been running a disc golf club this fall, they have been holding weekly events throughout the valley.
- There are also gr 8-12 boys and girls open gym basketball sessions underway and wrestling practices have started on Wednesdays. Basketball season is starting in the next couple weeks with tryouts.
- Weekly gym schedules can be found at <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/gp-vanier-secondary/athletics/team-schedules/>

Grad

- Grad planning is underway. Lee is looking at multiple options
- Winterfest has been tentatively put into our calendar for December.
- Grad Class Special Attire has clothing for grads to help celebrate their special day. Students can book an appointment to check out over 300 prom dresses, as well as suits, shoes, etc. Appointments can be booked from the end of October to early December. A link can be found here –
- <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/GradClassAttire@learn71.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Mental Health and Wellness Initiatives

One of the many initiatives we have been working on at Vanier is Health and Wellness. Good mental health is something we have been focusing on this term.

- Jack.Org
- Mental Health literacy implementation discussions with PE teachers
- Mental Health Presentation to staff at October staff meeting, including strategies for students
- Mental Health support posters in all classrooms
- Duenna Project at Vanier (8 students participating in Girls Group through Comox Valley Family Services)

Upcoming Events –

- Photo retakes are Oct 21st, in the multipurpose room

- October 22nd is a non-instructional day
- UVIC is visiting Tuesday October 26th. November 2nd, NIC visits Vanier.
- October 27th is our next Flex day. November 3rd is the one after that, helping students to prepare for the end of term coming up November 12th
- November 9th, our grade 8's give a small concert and performance in the MPR
- November 12th, term 1 ends. November 15th term 2 starts
- November 16th our next PAC meeting.

We have some initiatives that are coming together at Vanier – we have an outdoor classroom being built above the rugby pitch, and the bike shelter should have the concrete poured and the rack installed soon. Maintenance has told us both should be done before the new year!

b1. Vice Principal's Report: Lee McKillican

Bike Shelter: concrete has been ordered and work will hopefully be done in the coming weeks. It should be off the ground soon. It is fabulous that kids are still out there riding their bikes.

Grad Ceremony Update

Presently there are makings of a few different Grad Ceremonies options:

Drive Through Grad we can pull out if needed if protocols change due to COVID (a Lot of positive feedback and far more personal ceremony. Grads with their families). Outdoor or possibly indoor grads are also in the works: waiting for confirmations on bookings.

Winterfest indoor event for the Grads on Dec 8 is in the works, but it is still up in the air in regards to the type of ceremony at this time.

Bar B Q in Spring for the grads. Parents welcome provided no new rules due to Covid.

c. School Trustee Report DPAC: Michelle Waite

There was a DPAC meeting on Oct 4th, primarily it was an overview of DPAC and how it works.

The meeting minutes will be attached

Some highlights are

-The Ministry of Education is looking at having 5-6 major Hubs of learning. More information will be coming out. One of those will be with NIDES: Jay Dickson confirmed that NIDES will be a part of those HUBs for On Line Learning. More info to come.

-events: more speakers. Additional presentations on digital safety available through White Hater: information is available on website.

d. Michelle Waite's Report School Trustee

-Education Committee Meeting: topic was mental health. Speaking of the pathway to hope. Multiple ministries working together to wrap around people to get help for those in need. Information is on the website around mental health.

-**Update from Shawn Lamarue** in regards to work that is being done in the district.

-**Opened 2 new schools:**

Hornby Elementary school that burnt down a few years ago. The amount of people that went to school that are now trades people that worked on the school as if it was their own home. It was amazing. They have a full size gym, black boards on the outside of the school for outdoor learning, and for students to draw on.

LakeTrail: seismic upgrades completed, virtually created a whole new school. Shared classroom space and amazing grand staircase with a daily morning drummer.

-Board meeting next week.

-Continue to navigate covid protocols as they come. Making decisions based on science and medical information as it comes in.

e. Treasurer's Report: Megan Penney

Salinas - Having attempted to retrieve the information from the past treasurer since August we still have had no success so have been unable to do a budget etc.

Salinas, Julie and myself have all been in contact. As of Monday Oct 18th at 8:30pm we did receive some information.

Based on an email from Sara:

The gaming grant for this year was just deposited on Oct 15th for an amount of \$20,140 bringing the total in the account to \$44,852.41 but there are a few outstanding cheques that need to be posted still as they did not arrive with the email Jackie had sent to me in July.

I will reach out in the next week or so to Megan to get every transferred over to her but at least with these numbers she can prep a mock of the budget. A reminder that there was a lot of changes that were made to the budget last year due to that fact travel was limited and we decreased the amount for athletics by a significant amount.
thanks

Sara

We have received notification that the gaming funds of \$20,100 have been approved and deposited to be used for the current school year. We do need the fiscal year end information to send in the report for use of funds from last year.

Things to be done:

Budget

Fiscal Year End report

Gaming Use of Funds Report

Signing Authority

6. New Business

-A question was posed as per budgeting, percentages and allocating monies: where do the school requests come from. Julie confirmed that all school requests would be filtered through the administration.

-For budgeting purposes, it was suggested to go back a couple of years and look at the percentages of each category. There is a percentage for Fine Arts, Academics,

Extracurricular Athletics and hardship funds. Presently our PAC funds that need to be managed are at a level not seen in years and perhaps we should think about a Legacy item. Julie will send Megan previous information (that is on the website).

-Lee suggested for PAC to keep in mind that travel with the sports teams will be much more expensive than other years due to Covid.

-it was asked if there is space on a drive somewhere where all PAC information can be stored to eliminate missing information and having access if one member should leave. Julie will contact IT and look into that.

7. Next meeting is November 16th,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 7:50 pm.

Thanks everyone for attending