

Vanier Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes, held via Zoom on Tuesday January 18, 2022 at 6:32pm

Attendance

Salinas Laperriere – Chair
Megan Penney – Treasurer
Jocelyn Manley
Trish
Julie Shields – Principle
Wayne Kuhnert -VP
Lee McKillican – VP
Donna Desmet - DPAC rep
Michelle Waite - School Trustee
Arseena Hamir
Donna Desmet
Chris Penney
Kat Hawksby

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:32pm
Recognition of Traditional Territories by Julie Shields.
2. Review and adopt Agenda: Motion to adopt agenda January 18, 2022 . Carried Trish and Megan
3. **Adopt meeting minutes:** Motion to adopt minutes from November 16, 2021 meeting. Carried Trish and Megan
4. **Unfinished Business:** adoption of the Budget. All in agreement. Adopted at 6:42pm

5. Reports:

a. Chair: Salinas LaPerriere Report, no formal report

- we are working out the composting system with the environmental club
 - using earth warriors to pick up
 - the foods program, environmental club and teachers are getting involved
 - it is an awkward time due to new protocol so it has been pushed back
- Thank you staff, for being so flexible over this time – really being supportive to the students and each other
- Trish inquired if there are any farmers that would be able to pick up and participate rather than Earth Warriors. Salinas suggests that consistency is simpler and streamlined, if there was a local farm that would consistently pick up it could work and she will speak with the Environmental Club to see if there has been any inquiry into that.

b. Administration Report

January 2022

Term 2 is rapidly ending. Students are beginning to write their final assessments and present their final projects. January grads are wrapping up their Careers 12 and Capstone projects. In

December, our leadership class filled 23 hampers and raised \$1600 to support families around the Comox Valley.

Construction work has begun on the outdoor classroom by the rugby pitch, and hopefully soon concrete will be poured for our bike rack. The parts have been ordered for the first phase of construction, and fingers crossed, will be put together soon for student use.

Covid delayed the start of school a week and required a return to many of the protocols we followed last year – reducing gatherings, increasing space between students, reinforcing mask wearing, shortening lunch hour, etc. Staff put together plans for functional closures in the event we do not have enough healthy staff to run the school, or high absenteeism by students triggers a closure. That plan was shared with the district, and the district plan was shared with parents. We are hoping these changes will only be for a short time, and we can return to a more “normal” school day.

We received over 400 responses to our Parent Flex Survey. Overall, 82% of parents are satisfied with Flex Day opportunities for students and we have received some great suggestions for improvement in the comments submitted. Surveys were also done with staff (66 responses), and students (600+ responses). There were common themes found in all of the information given to the school. Vanier admin has looked at the information/comments and shared it with the staff. Our next steps are to have a group of interested people dive deeper into the information and plan going forward to improve these days – whether that is to get more students in the building, increase opportunities for students, increase communication with all partner groups, etc.

February will be a busy month, with the start of term 3, and course selection for next year beginning. It's hard to believe we are days away from being halfway through this year!

Upcoming Events in January/February –

January 19th Last Flex Day in Term 2

Jan 24-27 Literacy and Numeracy Assessment being written for grade 10's in English or Math.

Grade 11's who missed it last year also in En/Ma are writing their assessments, as well as grade 12's who missed their Literacy 12 assessment in November

Jan 24th November Assessment results will be released by the ministry – most students wrote Literacy 12

January 27th Last Day of Term 2. Term 3 timetables handed out

January 28th Non-Instructional Day

January 31st First Day of Term 3

February 3rd Vanier Bursary booklet will be released online through our website. Applications will be due March 11

February 7th Term 2 report cards released through MyEducationBC

February 15th Vanier PAC Meeting 6:30 pm

February 18th Non-Instructional Day

February 21st Family Day

Late February Counsellors and Administrators begin course selection for 2022-2023

Attached is the January report we put together for the newsletter, sent out by email December 17th . A new initiative at Vanier that we are trying, is to get a newsletter out every month before the month starts so parents know what is coming up in advance.

c. DPAC Report: Donna is Desmet/Jocelyn Manley

Covid: One of the biggest changes is there is no more contact tracing. Individuals who test positive will have to notify their closest contacts. We will not know if there is an exposure. If a parent discloses that to the school they can. If a child tests positive the school is not able to give out contact information of friends and desk mates so they can be contacted. This is according to the regulations the school district has received. Ultimately this comes from Bonnie Henry's office. What they have done now is monitor student attendance. If they notice the student attendance is at 10% below historical normal or fewer than 75% of students in a grade are away that would trigger the first activity signal. A letter would go out to the MOE and then public health would be contacted. They get information from Public Health. The other thing we have to look at is if less than 75% of students are in attendance that would trigger a notification. Again, the school district would notify MOE and Public Health.

Can they disclose that information? Tom said Tom will be sending out something to all parents so they understand the process of how this will go. As for parents having information through a social media page that is separate from the school system. He cautions what is putting it onto social media. There can be a lot of misinformation

We discussed if PAC can set something out for parents that they can step up and report their exposure? Put the onus on the parents, it is recommended NOT to do it due to misinformation.

d. School Trustee Report: Kat Hawksby

Board meeting last month, main information was recommendation for Truth & Reconciliation Week for the last week of Sept. has been voted in unanimously

Equity in Action: scan of the district to address any inequalities present. Will take a couple of years

Policy 24 has had a lot of community feedback and will be brought to the board for further discussion

Next meeting is next Tuesday.

e. Treasure's Report: Magen Penney

The bike rack, \$5374 has been paid for along with a contribution to the concrete pad in the amount \$1626) for total of 7000. This amount was carried over from the 2019/2020 Budget. We were finally able to gather all of the banking information, reconstruct and reconcile the account for 2020/2021 and submitted The Gaming Revenue report on deadline.

6. New Business: nothing at this time

7. Date and time of Next meeting: Next meeting is February 15th, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Thanks everyone for attending