

Vanier Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes, held via Zoom on Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 6:30pm

Attendance

Salinas Laperriere - Chair

Trish McPhail – Chair

Julie Shields – Principle

Diane Noll- secretary

Meagan Penny - Treasurer

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 April 19, 2022 . Carried Megan and Diane

3. **Adopt meeting minutes:** Motion to adopt minutes from March 15, 2022 meeting. Carried Magen and Diane

4. **Unfinished Business:** none at this time

5. **Reports:**

a. **Chair: Salinas Report**

-Bike Rack Launch: amazing, so many activities that were going on. Teachers involved. Salinas, Loki(Minister of Environment for Vanier) cut the Ribbon to lunch the New bike rack.

-Staff appreciation Lunch Friday June 3,2022 11:50am through contributions from PAC and GP. Vanier. -Community Events and Planning Class: PAC will be asking for their help.

-Salinas will look into options for food.

-Julie Shields: pass a motion to support the Teachers Appreciation Lunch. Passed by Megan and Diane.

b. **Administration Report**

April Report

Term 3 wraps up this week – where did the term go?

With the term coming to an end, students will be completing their final assessments, presentations, projects, and getting those final papers submitted by the end of the week. Term 3 report cards will be posted to Myed on Monday May 2nd. For students in grades 10-12, the grade 10 numeracy and literacy assessments will be written next week. Literacy 12 will be written with their English 12 class, and the grade 10's with a last name A-L will write during the Flex Day on April 27th. Another session of assessments will be held in June, for the grade 10's M-Z and/or want to upgrade their mark. Students should talk to Lindy in the front office and get their name on the list.

Athletics is wrapping up for the year, with a return to spring sports. Rugby drills and practices are being held out on the field, and games have already

started. Girls Soccer, Track and Field, and Golf have all fielded teams this year.

We officially opened the Vanier Bike Rack on Thursday April 14th – thank you to the grade 8 Leadership class, Mr. Krutzmann, the Vanier Band, Ms. Livingstone, the Community Events and Planning class, Ms. Lange, Trustee Sheila McDonnell, PAC co-chair Salinas LaPerriere, and Vice Principal Lee McKillican for making it a fun event, and staff Mr. Young, Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. Weiss for getting the plans on the school radar. Special thanks to Blue Toque Sporting Goods for the swag that was given away and encouraging students and staff to come to school/work by bike. Now, to plan stage 2 of the bike rack – a roof!

Plans for grad continue onwards. We are looking at an outdoor grad on June 25th, weather permitting, with the Sports Centre as the alternate location. Mr. McKillican met with grads to go over ideas, requirements, and what items to take care of before June 1st. If you need more information on grad or did not receive the email sent out April 8th, please connect with lee.mckillican@sd71.bc.ca or check out our grad page [HERE](#).

Grade 10 and 12 students have been completing the provincially required Student Learning Survey in classes, organized by Mr. Mayert. You may have received an email with a code for parents to complete. If you would like more information, please contact David.Mayert@sd71.bc.ca, and the link can be found [HERE](#).

While it is still a few months away, we are beginning to plan the transition of new students to Vanier for the 2022-2023 school year. New Students will be having a tour of the school sometime in June, and an informational night for parents. More information will be coming soon.

Upcoming Events –

- April 19 - Valedictorian nomination forms due
- April 22 - Term 3 ends, Earth Day
- April 25 - Term 4 starts
- April 27 - Grade 10 A-L students write their Literacy and Numeracy Assessments
- May 3 - Report cards released
- May 11 - Flex Day
- May 23 - Victoria Day
- May 31 - Spring Concert

c. DPAC Report: Jocelyn Manley

: cell phone usage in the schools was a question brought up at DPAC. Question: are cell phones a help in the classroom or a distraction?

Julie Sheilds: Learning support teacher Toril Turner has initiated a student, staff and parent survey regarding cell phone use. Teachers are seeing fractured learning in the classroom(students are multi-tasking: watching videos, on chat sites). Push backs are typically when a student's phone is requested from the student. Thoughts around whether students can self regulate cell phone use vary from students to teachers.

DPAC Meeting Minutes attached

e. Treasurer's Report: Magen Penney nothing at this time

Composting: invoices come in.

6. New Business: nothing at this time

7. Date and time of Next meeting: Next meeting is in September 12, 2022

Adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.