

Minutes of Oct 18th Vanier PAC Meeting

Vanier Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes, held in person with technical difficulties on Zoom so were not able to open to outside participants Tuesday October 18th, 2022 at 6:30pm

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:44pm

Recognition of Traditional Territories by Julie Shields.

Introductions

2. Review and adopt Agenda:

a) Motion to adopt agenda September 19, 2022, carried by Salinas.

3. Adopt meeting minutes: Carried by Rae & Ara.

4. Unfinished Business: none at this time.

5. Reports:

a) Chair –Salinas LaPerriere

b) Administration – Julie Shields

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School Events in September/October

- Terry Fox Run – the Terry Fox Assembly and Run was well organized by the Leadership classes and seeing 1100+students run or walk the course was an impressive sight to see.
- Student Government Elections – There has been a bit of a delay getting the Student Government Elections off the ground, however campaigning has started. The student forum will be Oct 20th, with elections happening Monday October 24th.
- School Trips – Post secondary visits Have begun. Mr. Rebitt's University Prep class has visited Camosun and UVIC already and will be heading to SFU and UBC in early November. Vanier will also be hosting a mini fair on Thursday November 3rd in the afternoon for all grade 11 and 12 students interested in finding out more information about North Island College, Vancouver Island University, University of Victoria, Camosun College, University of British Columbia, British Columbia Institute of Technology, University of Northern British Columbia, Okanagan College, Thompson Rivers University, Trinity Western University, or Canadian Armed Forces-Royal Military College.
- School District 71 held an information campaign in all of the high schools focusing on Consent during the week of September 19-23. Information was distributed through classrooms, and counsellors were available for any students wanting more information.

- September 26th – 30th was Truth and Reconciliation Week across the district. Similar to Consent Week, the school participated in information sharing, discussions, story telling, and recognizing Indigenous experiences including residential school survivors. This message continues being shared and discussed in classrooms and the school as a whole throughout the year.

Athletics

- Fall sports are going well, with almost every age group and division being represented this season – with thanks to the many staff and community coaches that have stepped up to volunteer. Volleyball, cross country, boys soccer, wrestling, weightlifting, are well underway. Basketball tryouts and winter sports will be starting late November.

Damage at Vanier –

Vanier is experiencing a lot of damage to the school by students, especially in our bathrooms with graffiti and vandalism. Costs are now in the thousands of dollars in painters' costs and repair or replacement of equipment. Parents and students may face a hefty bill from the school district if found responsible for the damage. Please talk to your child about this, discourage this behaviour and encourage them to speak up to stop it.

Grad

Like last year, two plans are being developed – an inside grad and an outside grad. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday June 28th, with more details coming. Winterfest will be held on our December flex day (December 7th).

The Grad Special Attire (formerly the Cinderella and Cinderella project) will be available for grads to book an appointment and get set up for grad. The community has been very generous with donations of grad gowns and suits. Special Attire will be housed temporarily in the new Dodge dealership, with volunteers hosting bookings on Saturdays.

Upcoming Events

Thursday October 20 – Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill, Student Government Forum at lunch

Monday October 24 – Student Government Elections

Wednesday November 2 – Grade 12 Students currently in English will write their Literacy 12 assessment. Students missing their Literacy or Numeracy 10 assessment should see Mrs. Shields

Tuesday November 8 – Grade 8 band concert

Thursday November 10th – last day of Term 1

Friday November 11th – Remembrance Day (Schools closed)

Monday November 14th – Term 2 begins

Tuesday November 15th – November PAC meeting.

- c) DPAC – Rae Walsh
 - Ministry Funding
 - Sexual health committee discussion
 - Speaker series: Unlock your future – presentation for parents put on by a private company.
 - d) Trustee – TBD
 - e) Treasurer’s report – Salinas LaPerriere
 - Sept 30th \$23,460 was deposited into the PAC account.
 - PAC budget draft was discussed and circulated and to be reviewed and voted on in November.
6. New Business
- a) Budget for 2022/2023 review
 - b) School Dance discussion
 - Parents have expressed interest in dances and although lovely idea the dances stopped in 2011 and had been tried a couple of times since but they were not successful. 25 supervisors would be needed for each shift and there would be 2 shifts. Ticket sales were not a success either.
7. New Business discussion deferred:
- a) Composting and Cafeteria Environmental update
 - b) Ministry Funding to SD71 and how parents can help – notification will be sent by the school next week.

Date and time of Next meeting: Nov 15th, 2022

Adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm. Carried by Rae & Ara