

Minutes of September 20th Vanier PAC Meeting –

Vanier Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes, held via Zoom and in person on Tuesday September 20, 2022 at 6:30pm

1. Call to Order: Meeting

Recognition of Traditional Territories by Julie Shields.

2. Review and adopt Agenda: Motion to adopt agenda September 19, 2022. Carried Pam and Mona

3. Adopt meeting minutes: No minutes to adopt. Didn't have quorum at the May meeting.

4. Unfinished Business: none at this time

5. Reports:

a. Chair: Salinas Report: The Roll of PAC and how we can help out the school. Aprox \$20,000 in gaming funds per year is what we are allotted. We are always able to fundraise and add money to our non gaming account

b. Administration Report

Upcoming Events –

-October 14th elections

-October 5th Flex day

-October 6th Terry Fox Run

Vanier Admin Report for September 2022 PAC Meeting

It's been a busy month! Term 1 is now well underway, as students settle into classes and experience Vanier to its fullest.

Highlights of this month include –

New Classes at Grade 9

- The district supported Vanier's request for more blocks and create new grade 9 classes. We received a significant number of grade 9 registrations over the summer, with new families moving into catchment. With our enrolment confirmed in the first week, we were able to shift students into the new classes and hiring will be completed this week.

Athletics –

- Fall sports include Weight Training (club), Girls Volleyball (Jr & Sr), Grade 8 girls and boys VB, Junior Boys Volleyball, and Disc Golf (club). Tryouts have been happening – including 60 girls expressing interest in joining Jr Girls Volleyball. Thanks to the coaches (staff and community) that have stepped up!

Citizenship –

- Students will be part of a Candidate’s Forum at Vanier, currently being planned for October 4th.
- Sports Leadership and Leadership 9-12 have upcoming events this semester – including student vote, Clubs Day, Hamper Drive. Vanier Student Government elections will occur Oct 14th.
- Terry Fox run will happen on October 6th. For students new to our building, this is a BIG, and colourful day for students as they participate in the run.

Academics –

- Students have started classes. Teachers should be reaching out to you to introduce themselves, and how to contact them. Our staff list has email is on our “contact us” page

Arts –

- Improv has started up on Mondays and Thursdays after school. Ms Mazey is always looking for interested students to try their hand at improving their Improv skills.
- This year the District Musical Matilda is being hosted at Vanier. Auditions will wrap up this week.
- Vanier’s Creative Collective class has started, with close to 100 students designing their own projects combining Electronics, Woodwork, Metalwork and Art. Amazing projects have been created in the last two years of the course, and we can’t wait to see what the students come up with this year.

School Spirit – Vanier Merchandise –

If you or your child is interested in getting Vanier merchandise, the link to the school store site will go live soon. The first order should be going to the company by mid October, with delivery in November.

International Travel

We have two trips that are currently in the planning stage –

- Mount St Helen’s – which occurs May long weekend, and takes students from the Environmental Social Sciences, Geography or Geology grade 12 students.
- The Music Department is putting together plans for a senior trip to Cuba in April 2025, and looking for PAC approval before proceeding.

Upcoming Events Include –

- Consent week – September 19 – 23rd
- Truth and Reconciliation Week, September 26th – September 30th. Vanier has planned many small and large events throughout the fall months. The school is planning a workshop, project, or informational session every day next week. Orange Shirt Day is September 29th.
- Truth and Reconciliation Day - September 30th – Provincial holiday, schools are closed.
- October 5th – Vanier's first Flex Day. Grade 8's are expected to attend on this day as we have some special things planned for them
- October 6th – Terry Fox Day
- October 14th – Student Government Elections
- October 10th – Thanksgiving, Schools are closed
- October 18th – School Photo Retakes, October PAC Meeting, 6:30

c. Treasurer Megan Penney

-September 30th gaming funds come in.

-Year end August 30th

d. DPAC Report: N/A

e. Elections for 2022/2023 PAC executive

-Salinas LaPerriere PAC Chair

-Ara Stevenson Vice Chair

-Megan Penney Treasurer

-Pam Kemps Secretary

-Rae Walsh DPAC

6. New Business: nothing at this time

7. Date and time of Next meeting: Next meeting is in October 20, 2022

Adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.