

Vanier PAC Agenda: January 17th, 2023

Date: Tuesday January 17th, 2023

The next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 pm in person in room 164 of Vanier. PAC meeting to end at 7:30 pm promptly.

1. Call to order - Welcome/Introduction, 6:30pm
Recognition of Traditional Territories by Julie Shields.
2. Revised date of next PAC meeting to March 21st.
Review and Adoption of Agenda for January 17, adopted by Pam and Megan.
3. Adoption of November 15th, 2022, minutes. Adopted by Pam and Megan.
4. Unfinished Business:
5. Reports
 - a. Chair –Salinas LaPerriere
 - b. Administration – Julie Shields

Vanier Admin Report to PAC

January 2023

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, as they plan for dual credit, trades programs, or the next stage in their life. The last two months have been a busy one at Vanier. In December, our leadership class filled 27 hampers and raised \$2000 to support families around the Comox Valley, while Ms. Leikermoser's classes baked over 2000 cookies to fill EDAS packages (Everyone Deserves A Smile). Gloves, scarves, and warm socks were also collected as part of the project. EDAS is a huge undertaking in the district, combining the efforts of many schools and over 1500 care packages were put together and sent to homeless people/shelters throughout the province. A warm winter attire drive was quietly put together, and should any students need a winter coat, gloves etc. they should stop into Ms. van Watershoots' classroom (111) and see if anything fits. In December, Student Government held a holiday theme week, with each day being a different challenge. Seeing hundreds of staff and students in Ugly Christmas sweaters is quite a sight to see!

Last month, the Vanier Café purchased a large industrial toaster in an effort to increase the amount of toast and bagels available in the morning for students, providing those items free of charge to students. Students should stop by the café in the morning on the way to their classes and see what is available.

The Grad Attire program continues to provide free clothing to graduating students. Last Saturday over 18 people stopped by, with 17 grads finding their perfect look. The next day is Saturday March 11th, and appointments can be booked here - <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/gp-vanier-secondary/grad-information/> under the grad top tab.

Bursaries and scholarship applications will be open at the end of this week. Students are encouraged to begin their bursary package soon and not leave it to the last minute – especially if they need reference letters. The deadline for returning their completed package is February 24th. If you have any questions, the counsellors can help answer them – if it isn't last minute.

In Athletics, our ski and snowboard team has 29 athletes having fun and racing on Mount Washington. Mondays are race days, and the provincials will be held in Whistler for those who qualify. The district wrestling program is run out of Vanier, with students practicing three times a week. 9 Vanier athletes have been competing and doing very well. Basketball is well underway with a home tournament almost every weekend. Over 100 Vanier students are coming out to teams at grade 8, 9, junior and senior levels.

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! In February and/or March, a number of student surveys will be held – the YDI (Youth Development Instrument: Predicting Successful Trajectories from Childhood to Young Adulthood) – All grade 11 parents received an email January 3rd explaining the survey and giving parents the opportunity to opt out. The survey will take place during the first two weeks of February, while the Student Learning Survey will be happening in early March for all grades 10 and 12's. Another survey called the Adolescent Health Survey will be conducted, with a small number of classes from all grades being selected.

Upcoming Events in January/February –

January 19 th	Bursary/Scholarship Applications open, due February 24 th
January 23 rd	Term 3 timetables handed out
January 25 th	Last Flex Day in Term 2, Numeracy and Literacy 10 Assessments being written. 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
January 27 th	Last Day of Term 2.
January 30th	Non-Instructional Day
January 31 st	First Day of Term 3
February 6-8 th	Grad Photo Retakes (in the Sports Centre)
February 7 th	Term 2 report cards released through MyEducationBC
February 17th	Non-Instructional Day
February 20th	Family Day
Late February	Counsellors and Administrators begin course selection for 2023-2024

- c. DPAC – Rae Walsh
 - a. Rae was not in attendance, Salinas shared Minutes.
- d. Trustee – Sarah Jane Howe
 - a. Sarah was in attended and discussed her role.

- b. Discussed the new childcare initiative and consent.
- c. Vandalism and rising costs are impacting budget.
- d. Increased enrollment
- e. Safe travel to and from school.
- e. Treasurer's report – Megan Penney
 - a. Approved budget will be emailed and posted on the school website.

6. New Business

Aspire to Action teachers Kristie Keyworth and Dave Merrick presentation to PAC about their program. Aspire is a second semester program with these two teachers and integrates multiple courses, while encouraging social engagement and activism. Students Curtis, Olivia, Owen and Constance were in attendance and shared their experiences with the program.

- 7. Date and Time of next meeting: Tuesday March 21st at 6:30 pm
- 8. Agenda items for the next meeting: TBA
- 9. Adjournment at 7:30 pm, all in favor by those in attendance. Motion was made by Salinas to extend the meeting time past 7:30 and was seconded by Pam and Megan.