

Vanier PAC Minutes: Tuesday March 21st, 2023

In attendance – Salinas LaPierre, Rae Walsh, Megan Penny, Ara Stevenson, Janice Dekkers, Julie Shields

1. Call to order at 6:33 pm - Welcome/Introductions
~Recognition of Traditional Territories by Julie Shields.
2. Review and Adoption of Agenda for March 21st – adopted by Megan/Rae, motion carried.
3. Adoption of January 17th, 2023 minutes – adopted by Megan/Rae, motion carried.
4. Unfinished Business:

~Update on cafeteria Composting, One use plastics, local healthy options, using PAC environmental funds. The cafeteria is including healthy options everyday, especially through the express line. Foam packaging and single use plastics have been replaced in the cafeteria and Chef is looking at how the program is delivered. Composting has been implemented in a small scale way in the cafeteria kitchen.

~Staff appreciation lunch – place the decision of raising the budget for the appreciation lunch to next PAC meeting.

5. Reports
 - a) Chair –Salinas LaPerriere – no report
 - b) Administration – Julie Shields

Vanier Admin Report to PAC - March 2023

Spring break has been a long time coming! It's hard to believe when we get back from the break there are only two weeks left in term 3. Students are encouraged to look at their marks and any missing assignments and get them in as soon as possible.

Second semester has started off smoothly, and with the addition of students from around the district coming for the Construction Trade Sampler, Transportation Trade Sampler, Aspire to Action program and Explore, Vanier's population has swelled to over 1250 students. Last week, over 60 students, and multiple staff put on a phenomenal show to sold out audiences with the district musical *Matilda*.

Vanier has a number of surveys that need to be done in the next few weeks. Multiple classes just completed the McCreary Health Survey, and when we return from Spring Break, students in grades 10 and 12 will be asked to complete the Student Learning Survey for the Ministry of Education. Parents can complete the survey without a code with the following link - [HERE](#) .

In athletics we have had some impressive results with the wrapping up of the Winter sports season. Five of Vanier's students qualified for the Provincials, and Unya Hollmayer finished off her wrestling season by winning gold at the BCSS Wrestling provincials! In the Spring Sports season, the girls and boys' Rugby teams continue to dominate the pitches. Junior Girls won the Colwood 7's tournament last weekend, while the Senior Girls finished 4th. Disc Golf has started up again with a small but dedicated group of students and staff coming out. Track and Field is starting up, the Golf team has started their practice rounds at Crown Isle, Girls Soccer has begun practices two days a week, and the Mountain Bike team has taken to the hills.

Seven students from Vanier are off to Skills Canada Provincials in the areas of 2D animation, Automotive, Carpentry, Digital Art, Photography and Graphic Design. We look forward to seeing what they can accomplish when they compete April 18th and 19th in Abbotsford.

Aspire to Action and Vanier's Student Government will be hosting a clothing swap on Wednesday April 19th. If you have clothing that is in good condition, Ms. Haut (Student Government staff sponsor) would love to accept clothing for the drive, which can be dropped off at the main office.

Upcoming Events in March/April –

March 24 th	Last Day of school/Spring Break starts
April 11 th	First Day back after Spring Break
April 12-13 th	Student Learning Surveys, grades 10 and 12
April 18th	PAC Meeting, 6:30
April 19 th	Flex Day, Vanier Clothing Swap
April 19 th	Grad Parent Meeting, 6:30 in our Multipurpose Room
April 21 st	Term 3 ends
April 24 th	Term 4 starts
April 25-26 th	Literacy 12 Assessments (for students currently in English 12)
April 26 th	Valedictorian Nominations Due

At the end of the report, the concern of sextortion, sharing of inappropriate photos, and cell phone (mis)use was discussed. Vanier admin believes the problem is bigger than parents are aware of, and improved awareness, workshop, and/or resources need to be made available to parents. PAC will send out either with this report or as an email through admin links with resources.

<https://thewhitehatter.ca/resources/>
<https://www.youtube.com/TheWhiteHatter>

c) DPAC – Rae Walsh – Rae shared the DPAC report, including salad bar implementation throughout the district. The next meeting of the District Sexual Health Committee will be April 12th. The link to the DPAC minutes can be found here - <https://sd71dpac.com/>

d) Trustee – Sarah Jane Howe – Sarah Jane was unable to attend, and her reports are attached.

e) Treasurer's report – Megan Penney – no new expenditures to discuss, and the PAC budget is attached.

6. New Business - none

7. Date and Time of next meeting: Tuesday April 18th at 6:30 pm

8. Agenda items for the next meeting: raising the budget for the appreciation lunch to next PAC meeting and setting a date

9. Adjournment – Adjourned 7:31 pm