

Annual General Meeting
Parent Advisory Council
GP Vanier Secondary School
19 September 2023

Recognition of Traditional Territories - J Shields

In attendance: Salinas L, Janice D, Danya M, Jordan M, Jason M, Rae W, Amiee P, Bev W, Julie Shields, Jenifer Fritzsche, Lee McKillican

1. Call to order at 1830, Welcome/introductions
2. Approval of agenda Motion Salinas, 2 Amiee, carried
3. No minutes to review
4. Unfinished Business - None
5. Reports
 1. Chairperson - How fortunate we are to be here at GP Vanier, feels like a small warm community despite being the largest school in the Comox Valley. Thanks to the teachers and staff for creating this environment.
 2. Administration - see attached
 3. DPAC - Speaker series coming out – next one Sep 21 - see email from school sent this week
 4. Trustee - None
 5. Treasurer - full report not available. Approx 22 K per year from BC gaming. \$5000.00 balance currently. PAC works through budget with Mrs. Shields. \$5000.00 not used last year designated for environmental/mental health.
6. Resignation of all current committee members - done
7. Nominations and elections of the committee
 1. Chair - Salinas accepted, chair by acclamation (needs to hand over this year as child is in grade 12)
 2. Vice Chair - Jason M nominated by Salinas, accepted, Vice Chair by acclamation
 3. Treasurer - Bev W accepted, treasurer by acclamation
 4. Secretary - Janice D accepted, secretary by acclamation
 5. D-Pac Rep - Rae W accepted, DPAC rep by acclamation
8. New Business - Nil
9. Next Meeting Tuesday Oct 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm
Adjournment at 7:26 pm

Vanier Admin Report for September 2023 PAC Meeting –

Vanier started the new school year off with a successful new student day for the 440 new students! Class enrollment is now settling into final class rosters, and classes are well under way.

Highlights of this month include –

Athletics –

This fall we have the following teams underway with over 125 students taking part:

- X-Country – Jeff Verkley and Thai Nguyen
- Soccer – Ross McDonald and Sam Willcocks (parent)
- Gr 8 Girls Volleyball – Rob McMath
- Gr 8 Boys Volleyball – Sean Pattison
- Jr Girls Volleyball – Ryan Leclair and Chelsea Pragnell (parents)
- Jr Boys Volleyball – Cory Bowater
- Sr Girls Volleyball – Belle Gill (Community Member)
- Sr Boys Volleyball – Cory Bowater, John Gute, Jesse Humphries

Several students are also competing for Vanier in the Island Aquatics Championship next month. Basketball Open Gyms Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Check the website for the weekly schedule of all events. Fall Disc golf is starting. In the spring, there is Disc Golf and Ball golf. We would like to see more girls come out for golf.

Volleyball league games start next week.

On September 29th we have a girls basketball clinic (sold out) followed by the **Megan Dalziel Memorial Bursary Benefit Game** between the UVIC Women's Basketball team and the VIU Women's Basketball team 7pm. Entrance is by donation. The event is a fundraiser for the Megan Dalziel Bursary Fund.

We have worked to offer an assortment of team gear for interested student athletes. There is the option for a sweatshirt, sweatpants and a backpack. The sweatshirt can be customized with their name on the back and initials can be added to the sweatpants and sweatshirt. These items are ordered directly through the website and are fulfilled by Passion Sports before being delivered to the school for pickup. Follow this link to order: <https://store.passionsports.ca/vanierathletes23> The store closes **September 25th** so that we can get the items to students asap. The hope is the same clothing can be used for multiple sports.



ATC Everyday Fleece Hooded Sweatshirt
Authentic T-Shirt Company | ATCF2500_16676571

C\$35.00



ATC Everyday Fleece Sweatpants
Authentic T-Shirt Company | ATCF2800_16676571

C\$35.00



Nike Brasilia Medium Backpack NKDH7709
Nike | NKDH7709_16676571

C\$65.00

There is also the opportunity for players to purchase warm up shirts and mesh shorts through the office. The cost is \$20 per item. Both items are in stock at the school and students will receive them at time of purchase. Payment can be made by cash or cheque.



Citizenship –

- Clubs Day had the most tables out with many opportunities for students to join in with other like minded students. A list of clubs and sponsors will be posted on our website soon.
- Sports Leadership and Leadership 9-12 have upcoming events this semester – including student vote, Clubs Day, Hamper Drive. Vanier Student Government elections will occur September 26th.
- Terry Fox run will happen on October 4th. 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.

- 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 three 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 is live now, with orders being placed until October 24th with delivery in November.

<https://gpvanier.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

International Travel

We have three 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 is currently fundraising.
- Germany School exchange is getting organised for the trips next school year.

Upcoming Events Include –

- Consent week – September 18 – 22nd
- September 26th – Student Government Elections
- Truth and Reconciliation Week, September 25th – September 29th. 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 Friday September 29th.
- Truth and Reconciliation Day - September 30th – October 2nd will be the stat, schools are closed.
- September 27th – 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 4th – Terry Fox Day
- October 9th – Thanksgiving, Schools are closed
- October 16th – School Photo Retakes,
- October 17th - October PAC Meeting, 6:30 in the library