

Parent Advisory Council
GP Vanier Secondary School
16 October 2023

Recognition of Traditional Territories - J Shields

In attendance: J. Shields, Salinas L, Janice D, Rae W, Mireille E, Kathleen R, L. McKillican, Bev W

1. Call to order at 1831, Welcome/introductions
2. Approval of Minutes of September AGM Motion by Salinas, Second by Bev & Rae, carried
3. Approval of Agenda Motion by Rae W, second by Bev W
4. Unfinished Business - None
5. Reports
 1. **Chairperson**
 1. Vending Machines - looking for healthy food options, contract is with Ryans Vending, Julie will work with the vendor.
 2. Environmental sciences teacher has ideas for environmental education that could possibly use the funds we have set aside for environmental/mental health. Also will get ideas from the Vanier Green Team.
 2. **Administration** - see below
 3. **DPAC ([District Parent Advisory Council](#))**
 1. Jeremy Morrow, new school superintendent
 2. Feeding Futures Initiative. Hope to have an inventory report to be presented at the December DPAC meeting. This school has 44K from this program. We have grab and go muffins/bagels and lunch soup and wraps. Backpack buddies is a separate program we have that sends food home with approx 70 students and have lunch vouchers available.
 3. Speaker series ongoing - info on website - link above
 4. **School Board Trustee - Sarah Jane Howe** - See Below
 5. **Treasurer** -
 1. Gaming Summary report to be complete soon
 2. Approved for gaming grant this year - approx \$23 000.00 received
 3. \$4670.00 left over from last year
6. New Business - nil
7. Next Meeting Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm
Adjournment at 7:24 pm

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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 1200+ students run or walk the course was an impressive sight to see.

- Student Government Elections – Elections were run in early October, and we have a full student council this year. Future additions include grade representatives from grade 8 and 9. Student government has lots of activities and other events planned, which will be posted in the Week at a Glance.
- Post secondary visits have begun, with many representatives coming to Vanier to talk to students. UVIC, NIC, U of C, U of A, are all on the calendar to meet with students. Vanier will also be hosting a mini fair on Thursday November 2nd 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 18-22. Information was distributed through classrooms, and counsellors were available for any students wanting more information.
- September 25th – 29th 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. Senior Boys Soccer play here against Cowichan this Thursday for a spot at Island Championships. In volleyball Grade 8 Girls and Boys teams continue to play well. Junior Girls have a zone championship game this Wednesday and Thursday at Highland, and Junior Boys play their zone championship game on October 27th/28th, also at Highland. Senior Boys Volleyball are hosting the Island Championships November 17th/18th.
- Winter sports are also just getting started.
- In Wrestling, a parent meeting was held last week. The district wrestling team practices at Vanier. Contact Dan McKee for more information – Daniel.McKee@sd71.bc.ca
- In basketball, practices start the first week of November. Sr Boys – fundraising starting this week. The coach is Larry Street. Sr Girls – first meeting at lunch Thursday in rm 118. Coach Kevin Lee. Jr Boys – First meeting was today at lunch. Coach James Shepherd. Jr Girls – Coaches Peter Parke and Joanne Fournier

Grad

Winterfest will be held on our December flex day (December 6th). Plans are being put in place to have a casino event, rather than the traditional hypnotist presentation. Many volunteers are required to put together this event, and a volunteer meeting is being held on Wednesday October 25th, at 6 pm. Mr. McKillican will send out more information soon via email.

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 (dress, shoes, gloves, suits, ties, etc.). The community has been very generous with donations of grad gowns and suits and is at no cost to students. Special Attire is housed in the new Dodge dealership on the second floor, with volunteers hosting bookings on Saturdays. Current dates are November 18th, January 20th, February 24th, April 20th, May 4th, and May 25th. More information can be found here - <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/grad-attire-program/>

Upcoming Events

Thursday October 19 – Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill

Wednesday October 25 – Grad Parent Volunteer Meeting for Winterfest

Wednesday November 1 – Flex day & Provincial Assessments. Grade 12 Students currently in English will write their Literacy 12 assessment. Students missing their Literacy or Numeracy 10 assessment should see Mrs. Shields

Wednesday November 8 – Grade 8 band concert, 6:30 MPR

Friday November 10th – last day of Term 1

Monday November 13th – Schools closed for Remembrance Day

Tuesday November 14th – Term 2 begins

Tuesday November 21st – November PAC meeting

October School Trustee report

- Early years Presentation:
 - Lisa Peterson Skeene is the District Principal of early learning and childcare.... she started in November.
 - New SD71 role.
 - Goal is to expand the perspective of transitioning early learners into our schools.
 - She spoke about her passion for early years education and bridging the gap for our learners and focusing on seamless transition possibilities with a focus on high quality learning and building strong relationships.
 - She talked about a few of the existing programs we have o the district and how they are working on integrating First people’s principles of learning to create equity within all of their programming.
- Interim Secretary Treasurer – Russell Horswill will be with us until we fill the position.
 - Gave a final presentation of our financial statement and analysis for the year ending June 30 2023. The way his presentation was laid out made it easy to understand how resources have been allocated and consumed for the last school year. This presentation is in our Board package on the website.
- We had Information provided on our 5 year Capital Plan and its submissions to the ministry and a detailed outline is listed in part of our board package. Our director of Operations has listed the different types of submissions and what the timelines are in the approval cycle.
 - Major Capital Funding Programs: • SMP - Seismic Mitigation Program • EXP - New Schools, Additions, Site Acquisition • REP - School Replacement 16 • RDP – Rural District Program
 - Minor Capital Funding Programs: • SEP - School Enhancement Program • CNCP – Carbon Neutral Capital Program • BUS - Bus Replacement & Inventory • PEP – Playground Equipment Program • FIP – School Food Infrastructure Program

- Other Programs: • BEP - Building Envelope • AFG – Annual Facility Grant
- The Ministry will provide each school district with a written response to their Five Year Capital Plan submission once the assessment of all submissions is complete and funding for fiscal year 2024/25 is announced.