

Parent Advisory Council Minutes  
GP Vanier Secondary School  
Date: 20 May 2025

Recognition of Traditional Territories - Julie Shields

In attendance: Julie Shields, Shannon Aldinger, Bev Wilkie, Janice Dekkers, Season Pizzy, Rae Walsh, Jennivieve McRae-King,

1. Called to order at 6:34 pm. Welcome/introductions
2. Approval of agenda as ammended - Motion by Janice D , Second Bev W , carried
3. Approval of April Minutes Motion by Bev W , second by Rae W , carried
4. Unfinished Business - Nil
5. Reports
  - a. Chairperson - Jennivieve
    - i. - facetime with Salinas to help arrange teacher appreciation. She will come help this year. If you would like to help please contact Jennivieve. Community events and planning class is signed up to help.
    - ii. Cricket pitch has been removed from the playing fields. Jennivieve did speak at the school board meeting (as a parent not as Chair of PAC) about this issue and had a very positive experience. There will be an all weather field with a multisport field. New Cricket pitch location within CVRD has not yet been determined.
  - b. Administration - Julie Shields - see below
  - c. DPAC - Rae W - Click here for [DPAC notes](#)
  - d. Trustee - Shannon Aldinger - no report available
  - e. Treasurer -Bev Wilkie- no report
6. New Business
  - a. PAC meetings next school year - remains 3rd Tuesday of the month. No meeting December, March and June.
7. Q&A
  - a. When do students know if they are receiving a bursary/scholarship? Most likely next week students that are receiving a bursary or scholarship will receive an invite to the Bursary evening. They will not know which award they are receiving.
8. Next Meeting AGM Tuesday Sep 16, 2025 at 6:30 pm  
Adjournment at 7:31 pm

## Vanier Admin Report to PAC

May 20, 2025

With just over 5 weeks to go in the semester, the year is flying by. Grad will be upon us in no time, and students are released for the summer break.

Term 3 report cards were released through MyEd in April, and sent home with a printed copy the first week of May – if you haven't seen your child's marks, please have a look. Grade 12 students currently in English wrote their Literacy 12 assessment in April, and grade 10 students in either math or English 10 will write their assessments on Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>. We have a few spots available for students who have missed an assessment and still need to write.

Athletics is in full swing – Boys and Girls' Rugby are off to Provincials next week! Track and Field and Mountain Biking are also competing in their provincial coming up. Golf, and Disc Golf have all put together teams this year. The year end celebration BBQ for athletics is June 19th.

Mental Health Week, held last week, raised good mental health and wellness awareness at Vanier with events including a wellness video, hats on for good mental health, bake sale, and meet-and-greet booths with our community partners at lunch.

A selection of grade 10 students wrote a PISA test (Programme for International Student Assessment) early in May. PISA is a standardized test in mathematics, science and reading, and compares grade 10 students from around the world. This year our students wrote a science assessment.

Aspire to Action is soon off to Tofino, and then to Victoria for their final trip this year. Students are also in their final push to finish their community action projects, where they give back to the community or raise awareness for a project that is important to them.

Explore's garage sale was a huge success, raising over \$17,000 to support the program. Funds raised are used to cover many of the trip expenses – renting canoes, food, transportation, etc for the 48 students in the district program.

Grads enjoyed fantastic weather for their Spring Barbeque on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and just over \$300 was raised in the grad raffle – with the prizes being parking and seating for families in either the first, second or third row at Grad. The Valedictorians have been chosen by the grad class, and they will be working on their grad speeches with Ms. Black. There will be a pancake breakfast for grades on Monday June 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 – 8:30 am. The planning for the full ceremony is in full swing, with Vanier's grad on Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>. Whether we have an inside or outside grad will be called as late as possible to ensure we have appropriate weather for our graduating students, family and guests. For more information on grad, including a grad checklist please click [HERE](#).

New student transitions will happen in June – tours of the building will be organized with

our partner schools on Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup> with an information night held in September.

Where did the year go?

### Upcoming Events –

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Indigenous Students Graduation Dinner

June 12<sup>th</sup> – daytime Celebration of Excellence, evening Bursary Reception

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Assessment Day for Literacy 10/Numeracy 10/Flex Day

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast for Grads

June 19<sup>th</sup> – Athletic Barbeque

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Classes

June 21<sup>st</sup> – National Indigenous Peoples' Day

June 23-26<sup>th</sup> – I days

June 23<sup>rd</sup> - New Students Tour of the building

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Ceremony

June 26<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards released through MyEd