

Parent Advisory Council Meeting
GP Vanier Secondary School
Date: October 21, 2025

Recognition of Traditional Territories - Karma Taiji

In attendance: Karma Taiji, Jackie Pawluk, Jeanne Burr, Hayley Dato, Janice Dekkers, Laura Farnan, Tiffany Hicks, Lisa Ludwig, Jennivieve McRae-King, Aimee Pollard, Rae Walsh, Bev Wilkie.

1. Call to order 6:32 PM, Welcome/Introductions
2. Approval of agenda - Motion by Bev W, second by Rae W, carried
3. Adoption of September 16th, 2025 PAC minutes - Motion by Bev W, second by Janice D, carried
4. Unfinished Business:
 - nil
5. Reports
 - a. Chair - Jennivieve McRae-King
 - b. Administration – Karma Taiji, see below
 - c. DPAC – tabled
 - d. Trustee – Michelle Waite, N/A
 - e. Treasurer's report

Bev and Jennivieve met with David Mayert and Jackie Pawluk to review budget guidelines
6. New Business
 - Budget discussion – Bev Wilkie.
The percentage increase in funding for Athletics (from 26.5% to 28%) compared to Fine Arts (from 13.5% to 20%) was discussed. Motion to approve as presented (pending clarification from SD71 re: use of PAC in-service account for teacher luncheons) by Aimee P, Second by Tiffany H. Carried with one opposed vote.
 - Discussion regarding the request to provide an addiction/harm reduction workshop/naloxone training to parents - tabled until January 20, 2026.
7. Move to extend meeting time to 7:40 PM. Jennivieve motions, Hayley D seconds, carried
8. Q&A
9. The next PAC meeting is on Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30 pm in the library of GP Vanier School. PAC meeting to end at 7:30 pm promptly.
10. Adjournment 7:42 PM

Vanier Admin Report for October 2025 PAC Meeting

Admin team:

- Karma Taiji, Principal
- Dave Mayert, Vice-Principal (A-G)
- Sherrie Martens, Vice-Principal (H-O)
- Erica Black, Vice-Principal (P-Z)

From Karma:

Truth and Reconciliation Week: Kristie Keyworth and the Social Justice class set up a beautiful, intentional, and interactive orange shirt reflective walk using Kwak'waka words. This week is Downie Wenjak week and there is an information walk set up in the back forest. We will be recognizing Truth and Reconciliation with a whole school Circle of Truth led by one of our grade 11 students next week. This will take place on the original site of the Kumugwe Big House. In the words of the student: "The intention behind this gathering is to create space for truth-telling, reflection, unity, and healing — a collective act of presence that extends beyond a single day of acknowledgment. It's about honouring those who never made it home, supporting those who are still healing, and recognizing our shared responsibility as we continue the work of Truth and Reconciliation together."

Terry Fox Run: new this year, Leadership students sent a video out to all classes about Terry Fox and then held a pep rally at the track. It was impressive to see all 1450 students and staff out on the run. We raised over \$4000! \$1500 came from Thomas Diesch's class alone!

Student Government Elections for prime minister and deputy minister were held after some very passionate speeches at lunch in the multipurpose room. Well done to all the candidates, and our new student council. We have some very passionate leaders.

From Erica:

Grad update

November 21	Grad baby photos due to M&K in library
December 8-12	Grad Photos
December 10, 6 – 9 pm	Winterfest
If you would like to volunteer, please contact Erica. Parent committee meeting will be in a couple weeks.	
January XX	Early grad meeting
January XX	Parent bursary meeting
January	Bursary program will open
January 14 (Flex day), 11 am - 1 pm	Student bursary workshop in the library
February 4 - 6	Grad Photo retakes
February 27, Friday 3:15 pm sharp	Grad Bursary Applications due (must be handed in to counselling office, no emailed applications will be accepted, no late applications will be accepted)
May 7, 5 pm	Grad BBQ
Beginning of May	Bursary Celebration invitations will be given out to all recipients
May 26	Bursary Celebration
June 3	Grad vs staff softball game
June 12, time TBD	Celebration of Excellence
June 15	Grad Pancake Breakfast
June 15, 10:30 am	Grad Rehearsal
June 24, 4 pm	Graduation day

Assessments

- Due to the BCGEU strike action, the provincial assessments scheduled for November have been cancelled. These assessments will now take place in January.

From Dave:

Athletics: We are hosting a couple of big volleyball tournaments: Nov 7/8 - Junior Girls North Islands and Nov 14/15 - Senior Boys AAA Islands.

From Sherrie:

We welcomed students from Italy for the past two weeks. Our students will travel to Italy in March. We are grateful to the staff that has organized this opportunity. Next year will be our first year for a cultural exchange with Thailand. There will be information sessions coming up, but please reach out to Sherrie Martens if you have any questions.

Upcoming dates:

October 24: Professional Development Day: schools not in session

November 11th: Remembrance Day: schools not in session

Nov 18th: November PAC Meeting, 6:30



G.P. VANIER SECONDARY SCHOOL
PAC BUDGET - Approved Oct 21, 2025
2025-2026

REVENUE	Budget			Actual (Used To-Date)		
	Gaming	Non Gaming	PAC In-service	Gaming	Non Gaming	PAC In-service
Opening Balance (as of August 31, 2025)	9,814.43		119.81			119.81
Community Gaming Grant (deposited)	26,580.00					
PAC In-service (from School District No.71)			1,000.00			
Total Budget for 2025/26 Year	36,394.43		1,119.81			
EXPENSES						
GAMING						
<i>Skills Development (prev. Academics)</i>	16.00%	5,823.11				
<i>Athletics</i>	28.00%	10,190.44				
<i>Fine Arts</i>	20.00%	7,278.89				
<i>Student Assistance</i>	13.00%	4,731.28				
<i>Grad</i>	7.75%	2,820.57				
<i>Awards*</i>	2.75%	1,000.85				
<i>Legacy Environmental Project**</i>	10.00%	3,639.44				
<i>Yearbook</i>	1.51%	550.00				
NON GAMING						
<i>PAC In-service Account (from School District No.71) ³</i>						
Bank Fees			60.00			
Travel costs for PAC Members			40.00			
BCCPAC Conference						
BCCPAC Membership Renewal (for 2025-26)			100.00			
Staff Appreciation Luncheon (TBD)			650.00			
Total Expenses	99.01%	36,034.58				
BALANCE (or unallocated)	0.99%	359.85	269.81			
Balance in account				36,394.43		
Bank & PAC In-Service BALANCE				36,394.43		

* Awards: Awards banquet, celebration of excellence, bursary tea

** Legacy Environmental Project: Projects and initiatives that relate to environmental impact, climate change, and sustainable resources; support the mental health of students; and any nexus of these goals.