

Vanier Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes, held via Zoom on Tuesday February 15, 2022 at 6:30pm

Attendance

Salinas Laperriere - Chair
Trish McPhail – Chair
Jocelyn Manley
Julie Shields – Principle
Lee McKillican – VP
Diane Noll- secretary
Jocelyn Manley- DPAC rep
Alexandra

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:32pm
Recognition of Traditional Territories by Julie Shields.
2. Review and adopt Agenda: Motion to adopt agenda February 15, 2022 . Carried Trish and Alexandra
3. **Adopt meeting minutes:** Motion to adopt minutes from January 18, 2022 meeting. Carried Trish and Alexandra
4. **Unfinished Business:** none at this time

5. Reports:

a. Chair: Salinas Report

Salinas: PAC contributed to the bike rack. It turned out amazing, perhaps there could be a launch to encourage the students to bike, possible challenges and let all of the students know about the area where their bikes can be locked up.

-Salanis, Trish, Magan, Julie and Zeek(environmental club) will be meeting with Ben from Earth Warriors, who was hired to pick up the compost buckets. We pay \$200/month.

- 20 compost buckets cost \$15.99/ea, 100 bags/\$16 coming out of the PAC's \$5000

Environmental Initiatives Fund: Total cost \$ 396.00

-In the past if PAC parents paid for particular items, PAC would pay them back. Or a different option is to go to the vendor, ask if they would accept a cheque from PAC, get a \$ tally, get a cheque, get all required signatures, and take it back to the vendor for payment. Salinas has volunteered to purchase items and get reimbursed later.

b. Administration Report

February 2022

Term 2 has ended, and term 3 has started up, with new classes. Report cards were issued last week

through MyeducationBC – if you haven't had a chance to see your child's report card, please take a look.

Susan Quinton (Susan.Quinton@sd71.bc.ca) can help parents and students having trouble with their MyEd account.

The bursary packages were released online February 3 rd . Each year we are overwhelmed with the generosity of our community as close to \$80,000 is handed out at Bursary Night in June. Grade 12s are strongly encouraged to start working on their packages early. Submissions are due in the counseling office on March 11 th at 1 pm, and late packages will not be accepted.

Course selection for the 2022-2023 school year is beginning next week with counselors and administrators visiting classes. The online portal will be opening up February 22 nd and remain open until March 3 rd . If you are looking for program and grade requirements, here is the webpage with the information - Click [HERE](#). It's never too early for students to look at courses for next year, especially if they are planning their grade 11 and 12 years at the same time or are looking ahead to post-secondary school entrance requirements. Students and parents are encouraged to connect with their counselor if they have any questions regarding courses, requirements, or post-secondary plans.

The January Provincial Assessments last month were canceled at the last minute by the ministry, however for the majority of our students all three assessments must still be written. Students will have a chance to write in April and June. Our plan is for grade 12 students needing to write their Literacy 12 and/or Literacy 10 & Numeracy 10 in April, during the assessment week. Students in English 12 classes will write with their class, scheduled in their block. Students in grade 10 with the last name starting with A-L will write both the numeracy and literacy assessments on the April 27 th Flex Day, while the remaining grade 10s (last name M-Z) will write on the June 15 th Flex Day. More information will follow with the full plan.

In Athletics, the Winter Season is coming to a close. We have athletes from the Wrestling and

Ski/Snowboard teams competing in provincials over the next couple weeks. We also have 3 students representing Vanier in the Provincial Gymnastics Championships. This weekend, we are hosting the Junior Girls Island Basketball Championships and our Senior Girls are competing in the Island Championship in Nanaimo. The Sr Boys will take part in the Island tournament next weekend in hope of qualifying for provincials. Spring sports are starting up with rugby practices already under way. Girls' soccer and Ultimate Frisbee will also be starting up soon, as will Track and Field.

Coming your way soon for parents of grade 10 and 12 students will be the Satisfaction Survey, to be completed by April 29, 2022. This survey is done annually with students in grades 4, 7, 10, and 12, parents and staff. The survey covers a large range of topics, from "Does your child feel safe at school?" to "How often does your child learn about music?" and provides school officials with a wealth of information about the progress of the school towards meeting school and district goals. A link will be coming soon for your participation if you are a parent of a grade 10 or 12 student.

We have 2 student teachers that have joined us this week and will be returning to work with students in the spring.

The school has a number of initiatives underway right now. One of the community sponsored workshops is The Foundry – a community organization working with youth ages 12-24 to support mental health and wellness. Put on with the cooperation of the John Howard Society, youth have access to resources in our community to support them making healthy choices and access supports. Contact your child's counsellor for more information if you are interested.

Our students have been involved in many leadership activities. Some of the initiatives have been Pink Shirt Day, Annual Women's Memorial March, International Women's Day, Black History month, as well as some lighter fundraising ideas like Matchletics and Valentine's Candy Grams. Every year our school

participates in Math contests – the Cayley, Pascal, and Fermat, and this year is no different. Students should talk to Mr. Erikson in portable 801, or their math teacher if they wish to participate.

We are finally seeing progress in our outdoor classroom and bike rack – the concrete was poured for both, and we now have a functioning bike rack for students to use. The outdoor classroom will take a bit more construction to complete – but it shouldn't be long now! The next phase of the bike rack will be to purchase the building to cover up the rack, which will be done in stages.

Upcoming Events –

February 16 th Flex Day – Bursary Help Session in the afternoon for grade 12's

February 18 th District Pro-D day (school not in session)

February 21 st Family Day (school not in session)

March 2 nd Flex Day – Bursary Help Session in the afternoon for grade 12's, as well as

Regional Skills Canada competition happening at Vanier

March 11 th Bursary applications due (1 pm)

March 18 th Last day before Spring Break

April 19 th April Pac meeting

Lee: Bike Rack: looks great.

- school/district goals: some were met this month and we will continue to work of those.
- NIC Nursing students met with all of Vanier's Grade 8/9 students, the Explorer and Aspire Programs. We want connections with NIC, connecting our students with the nursing students giving a voice coming from 22/23 year old recent grads. Goal was raising awareness and decreasing the stigma around mental health. Mental health awareness and what supports are in place. Connected with Vanier counselors, ensuring what they are advocating for is the same as Vanier. They will be back in March to reach out to the grades 10-12, before March 17th.

c. DPAC Report: Jocelyn Manley

-**Speaker Series** once a month: Feb 24, 7pm Zoom **What is Cultural Appropriation:** coming up. 1 hour in length

Attached Meeting minutes

e. Treasurer's Report: Magen Penney nothing at this time

Question to Julie: when does the PAC sign over money to teachers or Programs. Requests would be filtered through Julie.

Question: Sports uniforms: is corporate sponsorship allowed for the team uniform? Can parents purchase uniforms as a donation? Team fundraising? Fundraising would be allowed. Questions surrounding sponsorship will be posed to Lee K and Dave.

6. **New Business:** nothing at this time

7. **Date and time of Next meeting:** Next meeting is April 19th,2022 at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.