

Parent Advisory Council Annual General Meeting
GP Vanier Secondary School
Date: 17 September 2024

Recognition of Traditional Territories - E Black

In attendance: Erica Black, Jennifer Fritzsche, Dave Merrick, Janice Dekkers, Rae Walsh, Hayley Datuo, Sayre Neufeld, Joanne Barr, Sean Thir, Season Pizzey, Jennivieve McRae-King, Aimee Pollard, Bev Wilkie, Josielyn Fever

1. Call to order at 1832, Welcome/introductions
2. Approval of agenda - Motion by Bev W, Second by Rae W, carried
3. No minutes to review
4. Unfinished Business - Nil
5. Reports
 - a. Chairperson - Nil
 - b. Administration - see attached
 - i. New digital device policy. Kids are able to use their phones between class blocks and at lunch time, no phone use during class time.
 - c. DPAC - No report at this time. District Parent Advisory Council - meet monthly. First meeting Oct 7,2024
 - d. Trustee - No report
 - e. Treasurer - Budget being prepared to present at the October meeting. Have begun to prepare the Gaming Account Summary Report for 2023-2024 which is due the end of October.
6. New Business - Resignation of previous council complete
 - a. Nomination and voting for new council
 - i. Chair - Jennivieve McRae - King - Nominated by Bev W, elected by acclamation
 - ii. Vice Chair - Season Pizzey, nominated by Jennivieve, elected by acclamation
 - iii. DPAC representative -Rae Walsh, nominated by Janice D, elected by acclamation
 - iv. Treasurer Bev Wilkie, nominated by Rae W, elected by acclamation
 - v. Secretary - Janice D, nominated by Rae W, elected by acclamation
7. Next Meeting Tuesday October 15, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment at 1906

Vanier Admin Report for September 2024 PAC Meeting –

It's been a busy month! Term 1 is now well underway, as students settle into classes. Our first day of school was a success for the 480+ new students.

Highlights of this month include –

Athletics –

- Fall sports have started up with coaches being found for almost all of the teams.
- Fall sports include Weight Training (club), Girls Volleyball (Jr & Sr), Grade 8 girls and boys VB, Junior Boys Volleyball, cross country and Disc Golf (club).

Citizenship –

- Student Vote will happen in October, during the week of the provincial election.
- Sports Leadership and Leadership 9-12 have upcoming events this semester. Vanier Student Government speeches will occur on September 23rd, while the elections will occur September 24th
- Terry Fox run will happen on October 2nd. For students new to our building, this is a BIG, and colourful day for students as they participate in the run.
- In September SD71 coordinates a Consent Awareness Week within its schools. This week is that week with presentations made in class raising this topic with all of the students and staff

Academics –

- Students have started classes. Teachers should be reaching out to you to introduce themselves, and how to contact them.

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.
- Our music teacher Ms. Livingstone is advertising for a choir if students are interested.
- 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 this course, and we can't wait to see what the students come up with this year.

School Spirit – Vanier Merchandise –

If you are interested in school merchandise, stay tuned. A link to the company we work with will be coming out soon.

International Travel

We have six 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 has been planning a senior trip to Cuba in April 2025, and is now currently fundraising.
- Germany School exchange is getting organized for the German students arriving within the next few weeks, and our students will travel during our spring break.
- Girls Rugby is planning a trip to Ireland during our spring break
- Boys 7's Rugby is planning a trip to Florida over spring break
- Explore China is in the beginning planning stages

Upcoming Events Include –

- Thrive at High School – Wednesday September 18th, 6:30 MPR
- Truth and Reconciliation Week, September 23rd – 27th. Vanier has planned many small and large events throughout the fall months. Orange Shirt Day is September 27th.
- Truth and Reconciliation Day - September 30th – Provincial holiday, schools are closed.
- October 2nd – Terry Fox Day
- October 14th – Thanksgiving, Schools are closed
- October 15th – October PAC Meeting, 6:30