

Draft
General Vanier school
Parent Advisory Council meeting
October 20th, 2015 7:00pm

Attendants: Sloane Funk, Bob Cowie, Alana Grenier, Shawna Anderson, Colleen Seel, Lorna Mann, Wendy Novotny, Chris Garroni, Andrea Patterson, Shannon Peever, Tom Peever, Kelly Guile, Michele Bishop, Joanne Riley, Michelle Hodnett

Call to order 7:02

1 Principals Report

a. Bus safety week.

This week is School bus week. Monday the kids practice bus ridership and emergency evacuation drills. The overall message is – be aware and be safe around the school bus.

b. Citizenship activities:

-Hoodies, jeans and socks collection for Siloam Mission continues to be a huge success. We have collected over 426 items of clothing including 226 socks, 104 hoodies, 94 pairs of jeans and 1 brand new pair of jeans. All donations are still being accepted especially woman and men's sized jeans. Thank you to our generous community for helping out with this drive.

-On October 30th we are going to have grade level sock hops, as a culmination activity. Thank you to Sloane Funk, and Colleen Seel who have volunteered to set up and decorate for the kids and be the DJ's. Grade k-4 will be from 10:30-11:00 am, and Grade 5-8 will be from 11:00-11:30am. Staff and students are invited to wear hoodies, Jeans and 'crazy socks' on October 30th to celebrate 'Socktoberfest' and our huge accomplishment!

c. Provincial stress hack website

<http://www.stresshacks.ca/>

The Manitoba government has launched a new website to help children and youth in need of stress/mental health support. It is part of the province's

Multi-year children and youth mental health strategy, providing resources to locates range of local and provincial mental health supports and services by providing links, resources and a services map developed by Manitoba eHealth.

c. Upcoming dates and activities

- October 22 – Vision and Hearing – K screening
- Friday October 23– Provincial SAGE professional Learning Day
- Monday, October 26th is Provincial School Library recognition day. We will be recognizing our love for libraries by having a ‘drop everything and read’ at 11:00.
- photo retakes-Nov 4
- ken Tayler – Drug Awareness Presentation Nov 5th. Grade 7-8 this is pretty serious and mature topic.
- No stone Left Alone Remembrance Day ceremony Nov. 10th. Kelley Parker is helping out with everything. The whole school will be leaving around 9:30 the kids will do their part 10:30-11:00 then military from Shilo Base will take over their part then escort the students to the tomb stone for the kids to place poppies. Permission slips will be sent out next week.
- Nov 10th Louis Riel School Board Community Connections committee will be hosting an evening of sharing. 3 PAC members have agreed to go 2 weren't sure, if they can't make it an invite will go out to everyone else.
- lunchtime clubs and activities will start up Monday November 16th.
- conference manager will open on Monday November 16th for conferences on Monday November 30th – more info coming closer to the day.
- November 24th Report card distribution

d. Discussion points:

- we have not got anymore information from school trustees about, Movie permits. We will continue to go ahead with getting the permit and if trustees don't pay for it PAC will pay half and school will pay half.

- Trish has been informed about the building permit dates for PAC movie night and PAC meetings.

- Recess/PE equipment. Mikhail & Monica have put in an order. \$495 for this school year.

- Continue discussion about playground upgrades. Meeting scheduled on Oct. 28 at 8:00 am.

-Question asked about the school protocol for electronics in school. They have not had to many problems with electronics k-4 should not bring electronics 5-6 not encouraged but not really discouraged if they are respectful with it. 7-8 do have phones but they are not allowed to take pictures.

2. Sub committees report

a. Green Team:

Nothing to report at this time

b. Web site:

General Vanier PAC now have a website up and running for all GV community can access. The site is generalvanier.com their will also be a link on the General Vanier website for the PAC site. We have also adopted a new email specifically for PAC info so if ever anyone has questions about something PAC is doing or whatever may com up you can email your questions or concerns to pac@generalvanier.com we all collectively agreed too share our email amongst the committee.

Play ground committee: will be having their first official sub committee meeting on October 28th at 8am in the school. The ball is rolling very quick. Tom has spoken to a lot of different resources with other schools who have gone through putting in new playground equipment, companies who build equipment, and so on. Mr. Cowie offered time at the winter concert if we wanted time to speak to the majority of the school community about fundraising for the structure.

Round table discussion: A suggestion to promote PAC in our community is to have picture of the PAC members added to the website. Possibly come up with a brochure that talks a little about what our role is in our community. PAC does have a bulletin board for information beside the birthday board.

Michelle H. did a little research into what it would take to get a mural done on the school. It is expensive and we would need the time to get it all finalized. Other

schools with murals have reached out to artist who met with the students to get to know how to best represent the school in the mural.

4. Presidents report

a. Constitution

The constitution is not on the website yet, the only copy was a hard copy and so we need to get it typed up and put up.

Voting at meetings goes as follows; 4 executive president, Vice President, secretary and treasurer. Then 4 voting members at large as well as a community member at large.

Suggestions or request that require a vote get put out to the group for opinion and is not considered a vote. We will rephrase with the larger group asking who is in support of this motion then take it to vote with a second then all. All motions, seconds and votes must be included in the minutes.

b. Fundraiser:

The letter for the fundraiser should be going out about Nov 2nd

The funds from PAC yearly are allocated to all and more than the following:

- Camp
- Music program
- Phys ed both recess and classroom equipment. We usually by about \$500 a year for recess equipment
- Grade 8 farewell
- staff appreciation
- movie night
- pizza lunches
- monthly Birthday chapters gift card
- holiday oranges when Santa visits
- cross country club every couple years for new uniforms
- library every other year or so
- hot dog lunch jointly with the school staff
- children in health crisis- option to support families in need. Last year we helped both Mikayla, with a carnival fundraiser and we presented Mercedes with a basket of all her favourite things. Both girls are fighting cancer.

This usually adds up to about \$3500 on average a year. We try to cover the “extras” in this list with funds we raise through pizza lunch and bake sale.

c. Pizza lunch

Forms are out. The first pizza lunch will be Tuesday October 27- last opportunity to get forms in is Thursday, however we will always continue to accept forms through out the year.

d. Movie night

The first movie night of the year will be Nov 13 the second one will be January 15th and the last movie will be held on March 11.

e. Fundraising

Michelle Bishop and Kelly Guile volunteered to help. Both have agreed to be fundraising and pizza lunch coordinators.

- The early years winter concert will take place Dec 16 and we will be having a bake sale we will likely have letters out for baked good donations by Dec 10th.

f. Additions to minutes

If you have new additions that you would like to be talk about in a meeting, it must be added to new business in the agenda for the meeting. Please contact Sloane about 3 days before the meeting so she can add it to the agenda.

4. Administration request for funds

The administration is requesting our assistance of \$1000 towards iPads for the school. The school is paying the rest of the cost.

Motion made by Chris Garroni, second by Lorna Mann, vote all in favour for the motion. Request of \$1000 towards iPads for the school accepted!

Money will be forwarded after our fundraiser has gone out.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.