

## **General Vanier school Parent Advisory Council meeting January 19th,2016 7pm**

Attendants: Sloane Funk, Joanne Hulme, Charlene Sacher, Shannon Peever, Tom Peever, Alana Grenier, Joanne Riley, Kelly Guile, Jen Lane, Shauna Anderson, Chris Garroni, Colleen Seel, Lorna Mann, Andrea Patterson, Wendy Novotny, Samantha Hay, LeeAnn Mytz

Call to order 7:01

1 Principals Report:

Looking forward

- Feedback so far on GV wear sales? Email with link should have been mass emailed out to parents. IT has been noted that people cannot download the order form, so we are handing them out. Questions about having youth sizes however when asked about it the company said they do not have. Another question was asked about the colour having to be grey and if it would be possible to go back to the navy blue it used to be. Mrs. Mytz said she thinks that is something we would have talk to the school division about.

- There will be no bake sale at the 5-8 concert
- Request for funds: 1. Grade 7/8 Red Rock Camp 2. Grade 8 farewell

Both of these request are requests that PAC has contributed to every year and have passed the request for funds.

3. (Special request from Mik) \$483 for Spikeball set. The students would love this and it is an additional outdoor/indoor sport.

This request will have to wait upon further thought and fund availability.

The iPads that PAC helped fund are bought and in use! Thank you for the support!

Practicing what to do if an intruder or other unsafe situation should arise in all of our schools. Through practice and understanding, our students will be prepared to handle such a situation with confidence and minimal anxiety. In the last few months at GV we have practiced both a LOCK DOWN and HOLD and SECURE security techniques.

A Lock Down is implemented when there is a known threat or possible threat to the safety of students and staff within the building or school environment. During a Lock Down the following procedures take place.

- Teachers will clear the hallway and bathrooms by their room, moving everyone into the classroom, if safe to do so.
- Internal spaces will be secured (doors locked and lights turned off)
- Direct students to move into a safe place away from window/doors.
- Where classrooms are located next to the washrooms, staff should watch for students leaving the washroom and open the door and summon them into the classroom.
- Staff will have the students sit quietly where they are NOT visible
- Refrain

from cell phone use; cell phones must be off or placed on “silent” and out of sight. • Staff and students will wait patiently and quietly until they receive the “ALL CLEAR” from the police, designated school/office personnel and wait for further instructions unless a life-threatening situation exists.

A Hold and Secure technique is implemented if the school is notified of a potential threat or emergency situation occurring outside of the school in the immediate neighbourhood. All external doors of the school will be locked and monitored by staff closest to school exists. We are not permitted to admit anyone other than our students and staff into the building will be allowed entry. Signs will be posted on doors if possible indicating that a Hold and Secure procedure is being implemented. During hold and secure, classes may continue to function normally however hallway traffic is limited. Blinds should be closed and/or windows covered as much as possible. Cell phones are no to be used during a lock down.

#### Upcoming Dates and Events

Friday January 22 Grade 5/6 Max Bell Track and Field Meet February I love to Read Month – we will be reading around the world! Tuesday February 2 Orff Days

Friday February 5 School-Based Professional Learning – no classes Wednesday,

February 10 Grade 8 FOS Band/Guitar workshop at WPC

Wednesday February 17 Festival du voyageur pancake breakfast at Saints-Martyrs Canadiens Church

Thursday February 18 grades 5-8 Concert at GV will be tight as there are only 260 seats available.

Wednesday February 24 Pink Shirt Day: Assembly on February 19, official day is Feb. 24th

Tuesday March 1 Kindergarten information Evening at GV

Thursday March 17 Reports sent home

Friday March 18 school Based PD Day – no classes Monday March 21 conferences 8:30am-8:30 pm-no classes Friday March 25-April 3 spring Break

Thursday April 28 parent camp meeting : 6:30 7/8 Camp May 26-27 Red Rock: grade 7/8 (next school year grade 5/6 winter camp experience.)

Wednesday June 29 Grade 8 farewell

School Expenditures GV is a well funded school from both the province and the school board. The amount of money is based on the number of students in the school. Some of the funding received is flexible on how we spend it but other funding is not flexible and must be spent in that area such as the French lit funding amount. Most of the funding goes towards curricular requirements, staff decision, refurbishment, and extras such as camps, field trips, and farewell activities. When request comes to PAC it is request from teachers and students that are exciting but may need a little help as it goes beyond the schools budget.

Families and Teachers are in overall agreement to continue with the \$40 fundraiser-less fundraiser, with very little support for traditional fundraisers.

2. Teacher Report: Charlene Sacher Roots of empathy Mrs. Sacher does the Roots of Empathy with the grade 5/6 class. Once a month a baby comes into the class and the students get the opportunity to play with and enjoy seeing the babies milestones a behaviours. She meets with the grade 5/6 students without the baby to have discussions as to their observations, and other important information about what it all takes to take care of a baby. Students seem to love it and the program has really proven to reach out to those students that are more difficult to read. While Mrs. Sacher visits the grade 5/6 students her Grade 1/2 class learns about Zones of regulation.

Procedural writing Mrs. Sacher had the opportunity with a few other teachers to go to a procedural writing workshop. They were quite impressed with the workshop and are pretty excited to try it within the school. Every grade is doing a type of procedural writing section and they all look a little different, for example the kindergarten class are working on righting about how to be animals. The grade 1/2 are doing healthy eating and making their own recipe book.

3.Sub committees:

The playground committee shared that the letter of intent has been approved. They are having a sub committee meeting on Jan 23 to discuss the plan for fundraising events ect.

4.Treasures report:

- As of Dec. 7th the fundraiser-less fundraiser had made \$1,940 • The Bake Sale made \$730 we automatically give \$200 to the music program • The 50/50 made \$180 (this is part of the bakesale total) Next year we would like to have at least one more group of 50/50 ticket sellers. As well the leap group was a nice addition to have selling stuff however we find it took away from our sales, we did not seem to make as much as we have in previous years.

- The oranges that “Santa” brings for the students every year were donated this year!

- We all agreed to stop buying the monthly birthday gift cards so we have that money to go towards other things.

- We are now then sitting at approximately \$2,700 brought in of the \$3500 we try to run with every year.

5.president report:

- There is no bake sale at the 5/8 concert because it falls during the same week as teacher appreciation seek and we will already be asking for baking and so forth for that event and we felt it would be to much to ask people to send baking for the bake sale as well.

- We are considering having a community family fun night similar to the carnival idea brought forward to be thought about for consideration.

- We don't have a meeting in February unless the MPAC would like to reschedule but no regular PAC meeting until March 15th
- Just a note that we consider request for funds as much as possible and we will continue to help fund the activities that we have are already a part of our running budget. However all of our extra funds will be going towards the playground enhancement.