

**Draft**  
**General Vanier school**  
**Parent Advisory Council meeting**  
**March 15, 2016**

**Attendants: Alana Grenier, Sloane Funk, Tom Peever, Shannon Peever, Michelle Bishop, Joanne Riley, Kelly Guile, Chris Garroni, Wendy Novotny, Andrea Patterson, Colleen Seel, Lorna Mann, Sam Hay, Shauna Anderson, Brent Hulme, Candace Sundel, Bob Cowie, LeeAnn Mytz**

**Call to order 7:02**

**1 Administration report:**

Looking back

-Thank you for Staff Appreciation always a very positive experience for all the staff and always very much appreciated.

-I Love To Read Month highlights

-Themed “reading around the world” we had many guest of different nationalities. They would read stories in both their language and English as well as share some of their own experiences.

-We had great success raising funds for the CCM Hygiene Kits. We raised \$1800! Great Job to the I love to read committee!

-Festival du Voyager pancake breakfast was a great success. We can be very proud of our kids as we always get very strong positive feedback whenever we do school excursion, our students are always well behaved and polite.

Please pass on compliments to the students from the people at St. Martyr, who said: “your students are very polite and respectful. They walked carefully from place to place (which must have been a big deal, because two people mentioned it), and, “didn’t make any mess or waste the food.” “They look like they know how to have fun!”

Awesome! It’s worthwhile doing even though it’s such a short event – as long as everyone has fun!

-Grade 8 transitions to High school in process. Pretty much started after Christmas, students have gone to visit WPC and students from WPC have come visited our students. There will be open house and registration soon.

-Grade 5-8 winter concert was held at GV. There were some concerns about venue whether it would fit everyone. It was cozy but it seemed to work. Sound was great. Question to consider risers next year? They were considered but concern that risers would take up more room and the concert committee had voted against them.

**Teacher representative: Candace Sundel grade 5/6**

Spoke on the citizenship Winnipeg Harvest Food Drive Operation donation. Candace introduced the idea with a wanted list of the items that Winnipeg Harvest were in need of. The students right away thought of the idea of making it the theme, getting to work on putting up "WANTED" posters and "mug shot" and every day was a different food that was focused on. The students even tied in some health and wellness by mentioning a fact about the certain type of food. The goal was for 1 item at least per student we doubled our goal with about 400 items collected. The kids had a blast with this food drive and we are very surprised and thankful for the generosity of our community.

-Kindergarten information night and registration –approximately 13 families in attendance to the open house and we are projecting for 20 students for the fall. It is not projected that we will be able to accept any PIT students next year.

-Drama festival involvement (Di Curzio and students). 15 middle school students took part in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Drama festival. They did a great job!

-We are working on providing a list of all the items purchased with PAC funds provided. ACF films fee, for which the school received a bill as well as PAC for \$399.00. The bill has been dropped to half the price and PAC pays half and the school pays the other half. The ACF bills according to school numbers.

GV Wear stats: we have about 30 individual orders from the community; a total of about \$1100.00 sales. This company was ok to work with there were a few hiccups in the process as the school had hoped all orders could be done online without their involvement but it didn't quite work out.

We did get the okay from the divisions assistant superintendant Irene Nordheim to go ahead and change the base colour of clothing to any colour (does not have to stay prison grey) only to change the logo itself do we need to go to the superintendent..

Keep that in mind if we would like to sell again next year.

Looking forward

Reports being sent home – March 17

Conferences – March 21: 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM. Next year they will be evenings only.

Little Mermaid Presentation – Highbury – April 14 (grade k-4)

Seniors Day – April 27 in the morning.

-Divisional and provincial Information

There are two divisional program pilots next year:

- Full day Kindergarten in 4 schools: Victor Wyatt, St. George, Ecole Provencher and Lavallee.
- Indigenous language programming – site school not yet named.

-Administrative Transition for 2016-17- Mrs. Mytz is retiring in December. Shortly after spring break they should announce the new principal who will start learning the ropes throughout the year until Ms.. Mytz retirement

## **2.Sub committees:**

- The playground committee met to decide on fundraising ideas. We decided to try to do more event based fundraising not so much selling items.
- you can now find GVPAC on website generalvanier.com, Twitter, and Wonderlist (newest app) we will use this to keep a list of what needs to be done, we can chat , assign assignments ect. If you would like to be added to Wonderlistemail pac@generalvanier.ca .
- We have entered a contest on QX104.3. They are giving a \$10000 award for a kid friendly project. They will chose 5 contestants around May 31 those top 5 contestants will go to voting. We will keep you in touch if we get to the next level.
- We will have a rummage sale on April 16 from 9-2. We will be starting to take donations right after spring break. Flyers are being printed and are on the website anyone can copy and post posters in their area. They will also be sent home with students this week. We have Canadian Diabetes coming Saturday evening right after the rummage sale.
- We are asking for ideas on the best way to price the items?
- we will be setting up the Friday before the Saturday of rummage sale.
- We are asking that people don't donate things that are bigger than one person being able to carry.
- Suggested to sell popcorn, coffee, and candy bags. As well as have music playing.
- A Facebook event will be started
- We should advertise in the Lance, and Kijiji.
- Other fundraising ideas that we had were. Carnival, Halloween dance, valentine dance, rumours, Bingo at Club Regent, Bud Spud, Paint night, Wing nights
- the plant fundraiser seems to be at a good start. 30% of plants sold and 20% of gift certificates sold goes to the school- directly to the playground fund.

## **4.Treasures report/ 5.president report:**

-We have decided that we will not be sending out another 40\$ fundraiserless fundraiser reminder. We have made \$2600 which is about 66 families.

-Movie night has gone really well, No movie night losses this year as all dates were well attended. While the goal is not fundraising but a community event it is nice when we do more than break even. We made \$250 on the last movie night which makes a total of \$484 from all three movie nights. (less the cost of the permit)

The permit for the movie is a total of \$214 which means PAC pays \$107 and the school pays \$107. Was asked if the physed budget would be able to buy new mats we are always scrabbling to find mats for movie night.

-pizza lunches are going well. We had some billing issues but seemed to have figured it all out.

PAC will be giving \$500 for camp and \$500 for farewell.

-the Date for the Hot Dog lunch will be announced. We need to find a day that most kids will be around and not out on a field trip.

-we are doing *a family* fun night. We had talked about doing it at the end of the school year but decided that we might get better turn out to have it early next year in September.

-We are sitting at a total profit of \$3864. \$2929 is going to promised funds. \$935 will go to the playground. And we are still expecting approximately another \$1000 from Pizza lunch that can go to playground.

- Sloane handed out the constitution, it is just being written up and then will be past along to be put up on the website.
- Sloane also shared the policies, guideline and procedures.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm**