

**General Vanier school
Parent Advisory Council meeting
April 20, 2016**

Attendants: Sloane Funk, Alana Grenier, Tom Peever, Shannon Peever, Michelle Bishop, Joanne Riley, Kelly Guile, Chris Garroni, Wendy Novotry, Lorna Mann, Shauna Anderson, Kara Machinicki, Jen Lane, Joanne Hulme, Bob Cowie, LeeAnn Mytz

Regrets: Andrea Paterson, Colleen Seel

1 Call to order 7:02

2 Adoption of minutes: Approved

3Administration report:

Looking back:

- Mr. Malo came in to work with the grade 5/6 students on some electricity experiments like making electricity from lemons.
- Camp Quality – our friend Makayla (whom we had the fundraising carnival for last year) had seen a puppet show while at cancer care that explains cancer in a kid friendly way. She asked to have them come to the school. They did the show for the grades k-4 and then grades 5/6
- Elsie Morden came to do a presentation on anti bullying issues for the grade 5-8. They performed the issues in a way that seemed to capture the students attention and keep them entertained!
- Spirit Week was composed of themed days and had a good participation.
- Recently went over a report of all the great initiatives and events that have been accomplished this year. Listed all the great things every month.

Looking forward:

- Parent portal –should be starting up next school year
- There are a lot of Field trips planned for all grades in the last couple of months
- Seniors Day April 27 looking forward to hosting the seniors in our community. It will be a fun morning (afternoon for Kindergarten) with grandparents/neighbours/friends.
- Volunteer appreciation day will be held on June 14th from 11:30-2:30 and it is a “mad hatters” themed party!
- Grade Five (G5) Mental Health Survey 2015/16 will be taking place shortly. They are a province wide confidential survey for the province to compile information on mental health and move forward with teaching strategies.

Divisional and provincial information:

- LRSD International Students Homestay opportunity. If you are interested in hosting an international student please let the administration staff know.
- Riel-evate is a school community foundation that aims to engage individuals in LRSD with the various communities around them. Riel-evate's reach will not be exclusive to LRSD matters, but an opportunity for those in our division to come together to have a positive impact on their own community and many others.

Administrative Transition for 16-17:

- New principal - Allie Hassin is currently the vice-principal of Glenlawn Collegiate and was formerly the vice-principal of Dakota Collegiate. He has 22 years of experience in education in various roles including administrator, classroom teacher, student services teacher, and teacher librarian, and has 12 years of experience working in K-9 schools including Samuel Burland School and George McDowell.

4 Presentation:N/A

5 Teacher's report: N/A

6 Treasure Report:

- Account has the running fees for next year of \$3,500 as of April 16, 2016 even after the last pizza lunch and hot dog day.
- Playground account is at \$3,834.08

Deposits

- Movie nights made \$484.90
- Fundraiser-less fundraiser made \$2,640
- Bake Sale made \$740

Deposits for Playground fundraisers

- Plant sale made \$1,978.42
- Rummage sale made \$1,855.66

Spent:

- Movie night permit \$107.63
- Music program \$200
- Recess equipment \$500
- iPads \$1000
- Camp \$500
- Farewell \$500
- Misc. \$337.63

7 Subcommittees

Green Team: nothing to report. On hold for this year.

Web site/playground:

- Would like to get a school community survey out to help determine what the needs and wants for our playground.

- We would also like to put pictures of some possibilities so people have a way to see to help make decisions.
- We have been talking to 3 different developers. Each person we talk to gives more places to contact to get grants and so forth.
- We are starting a “go-fund-me” page try to encourage companies and people to make donations there. Thinking of possibly making some incentives to donate, such as donate so much and receive a GV shirt, ect.
- We are excited to already have close to \$4,000 to work with that is a good start.
- Another word we can use instead inclusive of playground is adaptive playground some people may understand better.

8 Presidents report:

- Hot dog lunch will take place on June 21st. We will need volunteers for periods between 8:30-12:30.
- We are tentatively going to make Family fun night on September 30th. Questioned whether we wanted to make it just a school event or a community event. Might make a little more fundraiser if community based. -It was decided it will be a school based event
- Suggestion was made to have a wine raffle coincide with the family fun night, maybe sell tickets before hand and make draw at the family fun night.
- Questioned administration if we have had any luck with purchasing mats. They are still looking into where we have contracts to purchase them.
- Motion made to put a plaque up by our climbing wall thanking daycare for their contribution to the wall. Motion made by Chris, second by Wendy. Motion passed.

- AGM (annual general meeting) will be held at our next meeting in May. If there are changes to be voted on in constitution it is better to be brought forward before next meeting. There has been discussion of adding more voting members, however it may not be a good idea as we already have 9 voting members and to pass a vote you must have a quorum present at the meeting. (This is not always possible with larger numbers) If you have too many voting members it can make it hard to make final decisions. It was suggested to keep constitution the same for one more year and make changes next year if deemed necessary.

AGM will include the nominations and voting for the PAC positions for September. People should have an idea if someone is planning to nominate them for a position. Give them time to think about it. All positions are open.

Voting Positions include: -President

- Vice-president

- Secretary

- Treasurer

- 4 voting members at large

- 1 community member vote

Non voting positions may include:-volunteer coordinator

- Pizza lunch coordinator

- Fundraiser coordinator

- Communications person

- NSF chaser

- Event coordinator or event team

- Staff appreciation coordinator

9 New business: none brought forward

10 Adjournment:8:09