

General Vanier Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes-Tuesday, October 18th,2016

In Attendance:

- Tom Peever
- Wendy Novotny
- Sloane Funk
- Shannon Peever
- Jen Lane
- Colleen Seel
- Chris Garroni
- Michele Bishop
- Joanne Riley
- Patrick Allan
- Carla Allan
- Allie Hassin
- Bob Cowie
- Diane Burke
- Lorna Mann
- Kara Machinski
- Kelly Guile

Welcome:

- Reminder to all who would like to sign up for PAC email list and/or Wunderlist

Motion to Accept September Meeting Minutes

- Motion Passed

Admin Report:

- Principal Allie Hassin has updated the blog on General Vanier's School Website. All are encouraged to check it out and stay updated.
- Thank you to the PAC and Family Fun Night Committee for an amazing event. What a great sense of community. Shows how much larger than the school itself the GV community is.
- Manitoba Teacher's Society Learning Day is on Friday, Oct 21st.
- SLP Family Connections Event will be held November 10th at Shamrock School. Three times a year Shamrock, General Vanier and Lavallee schools hold these events to connect other SLP families in the community. 70% of General Vanier parents attended the Spring session at Shamrock School. General Vanier will be hosting the next event January 27th, 2017. Lavallee to host April 2017. Events feature speakers, discussions and have the goal to form their own PAC.
- Congratulations to Mr Gerylo for placing 8th overall out of over 300 competitors at World Obstacle Course Championships . All while nursing a broken toe. What a great example for the students of having a world class athlete for their teacher.
- Please welcome the following new staff members to General Vanier: Mrs. Jessica Vincent – Educational Assistant EY SLP
Ms. St. Goddard - Literacy Support Teacher
Mrs. Kelly-Ann Guile – Educational Assistant

- Teachers were encouraged to submit their “Wish Lists” for PAC funds. Feedback was low with requests for more iPads, recess equipment and Lego robotics pieces. More feedback will be encouraged.
- Parent concerns over recent reports of carfentanyl in the area has led to dialogue with teachers. GV has contacted local police who will be supplying age appropriate materials on how to create awareness and safety practices in kids. Brian does an extensive sweep of the grounds voluntarily every day.
- Current initiatives at GV this month include collection of old writing equipment, plastic bags and Socktober is once again in full swing! Student leaders are collecting new or gently used socks and hygiene supplies for Siloam Mission.
- Shannon Peever has found that the MCDC grant would not be able to be applied to the playground project but could be used in many other areas for teacher supplies and equipment.
- Wendy Wakeman brought Student Leadership to Cinematheque for a short film fest.

PAC Business:

A) Family Fundraiser:

- Thank you Sloane for her efforts in organizing and coordinating an amazing family and community event.
- Over \$1000 was raised putting us as a profit!
- The leftover cookies will be sold at the upcoming pizza lunch; proceeds going towards the PEC.

B) PAC Care Funds:

- Already put into action and appreciated by the family
- Thank you to Kara Machinski for organizing it.

C) Family Fundraising Letter:

- Donations are now able to be done online via CHIMP.
- Any donation over \$20 on CHIMP will be able to print off a tax receipt instantly.
- Letter needs to go out ASAP with follow-ups to be sent in January.
- Language should encourage families to embrace the fundraising and give an explanation of where and what the funds do.

D.) General Vanier Clothing:

- To partner with Mr Gerylo in terms of design
- LRSD now has their own printing company which should bring down costs and offer improved designs.
- Discussion tabled until the new year.

E.) Climbing Wall Plaque:

- Cost will run between \$55-100
- President to handle
- Selection will be mindful of safety pieces and to lie as flat as possible or will be mounted outside of the gym.

F.) Pizza Lunch Update:

- Once orders are assembled, Kara will calculate costs and profits
- Shannon Peever to continue to coordinate volunteers

Treasurers Report:

- Current signatories are Kara Machinski, Kelly Guile and Jen Lane
- Updated table to be created

Welcome City Councillor Matt Allard

- Currently the City of Winnipeg offers the Community Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) City can match funds. \$30000 available within St Boniface
- Fund renews every April but is maxed out for 2016
- Is contingent on project plans and permits

PEC Report:

- A fourth developer had been approached to provide a pitch
- Next step will be finalization meeting to establish a goal of dream playground.
- Staff to discuss at all Staff Meeting Tuesday, Oct 25th.
- Open House to discuss among community on Wednesday, October 26th.
- Fundraising Report: so far 40 bottles of wine donated for the wine raffle. Tickets will hopefully sent home soon to families for sale. Tickets to be sold at Parent Conferences.

New Business:

- Vice President Kelly Guile will be vacating her post as per PAC regulations as she is now a staff member at General Vanier. Congratulations Kelly!
- Vote passed approving purchase of new JustDance Wii game.
- More teachers have volunteered their time to provide new lunchtime clubs starting week of November 21st and wrapping up the week of April 11th.
- Thank you to Glen Ward who volunteers his time and opens up and supervises open gym time for the grades 7 and 8's every day.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 15th