

## General Vanier PAC Meeting Minutes-February 21st, 2017

### **In Attendance:**

Tom (President)	Allie Hassin (Principal)
Kara (Treasurer)	Jen (Secretary)
Michele (Member)	Sloane (Past President)
Shannon (Chair, PEC committee)	Wendy

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Motion to Accept Minutes from Meeting January 17th, 2017- Passed**

### **3. Admin Report:**

- Busy Month at General Vanier with many activities for I Love to Read Month, Pink Shirt Day and Festival Du Voyageur.
- Planning underway for Family of Schools Meeting April 2017. Discussions to be held in exploration of the demographics of the area, snapshot of area families, ELA programs in the schools and an overall sharing and collaboration of ideas.
- Grade 8 students are working with teachers from other schools to see where our Grade 8 students are, what are they doing and learning and what are we doing differently from other schools.
- Collaborative teaching groups continuing at General Vanier
- Student Services teacher Ron Harder exploring the enhancement and creation of outdoor learning spaces at General Vanier. Ideas include butterfly gardens, inclusion of tall grass prairie space. \$2000 will be needed to get project underway.
- Howden Daycare, currently located in General Vanier may be leaving the school freeing up much needed space.
- Kindergarten Information Night to be held March 2nd.
- Senior Concert at General Vanier was a wonderful show. A larger venue for the performance is needed as well as looking at re-branding the concert as an Arts Night with inclusion of other areas of art including multimedia presentations created by the students.
- 211 Manitoba Service Line has been launched. This service helps Manitobans find and navigate provincial services needed. A great resource for all.
- Grade 5's and 6's needed a refresher on recess etiquette and better choices. Encouraged to make plans prior to recess on what activities to do resulting in less arguments.

### **4. PAC Business**

- Position of Vice President remains vacant at this time
- Community Connections Trustees for LRSD School Division has expressed interest in attending a PAC Meeting at General Vanier. They are interested in seeing what we are doing and helping with leads and ideas for grant based fundraising for the Inclusive Playground at General Vanier. A trustee will be attending the next PAC Meeting on March 21st.

- Staff Appreciation Week Update: event will be challenging in following years as daytime volunteers are dwindling/unavailable and they are badly needed. Lack of daytime volunteers may limit what PAC is able to do next year and beyond with Staff Appreciation as well as regular events such as Pizza Lunch and lunchtime clubs. What we are able to do will be addressed and may be adjusted as we will be “graduating” our amazing core of daytime volunteers.

#### **5. Playground Enhancement Committee Update:**

- Phase 1 plans have been finalized and a building company has been selected. Playgrounds R Us had bids similar to the others but were able to help us re design/alter our plans so that equipment is built properly to code, optimum safety as well as coming in with some great ideas. We look forward to working with them.
- General Vanier was the recipient of a \$25, 000 City Incentive Grant. Other grants we have applied for include the Co Op Community Spaces grant as well as the Rick Hansen Foundation.
- A thermometer chart will be put up on the PAC bulletin board to show students, families and staff where we are at with our fundraising. Helps to give a tangible example of how much we have done and how much we need to do.
- Plant Sale information has gone home with the students. Orders are to be in before Spring Break with delivery scheduled for May 25th. Online orders are preferred for the plant sale.
- A rummage sale will be held on May 5th and 6th. Donations will be again sourced from the General Vanier community. Students will have the opportunity to shop for Mother’s Day gifts at the Rummage Sale on Friday, May 5th with doors opening to the public at 3:30pm.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21st, 2017**