

**Meeting Minutes-General Vanier PAC**  
**Tuesday, April 18th, 2017**

**In Attendance:**

Allie Hassin	Bob Cowie
Tom	Kara
Jen	Kelly
Michele	Chris
Patrick	Carla
Brent	Shauna

**1. Welcome**

**2. Motion to Accept Minutes from Last Meeting: Passed**

**3. Admin Report:**

- Staffing Update: Wendy Wakeman to move to Grade 3/4 teaching position. GV will be welcoming Dulcie Creighton as our new Kindergarten teacher.
- Ainsley Viehweg will be leaving her role as Skills for Living Middle Years teacher to become GV's new Grade 2/3 teacher.
- Katie McArthur-Grant will be taking a leave of absence for the 2017-2018 school year and moving with her family to BC.
- Natalka Kerr has been hired on in an EA term position in Early Years SLP.
- Teacher/Librarian and SLP positions will be announced at a later date.
- Class configurations are underway for the next school year. The time to make requests for classroom placements is now. If there is information in addition to knowledge that the school has about your child, please contact Mr Hassin through the office.
- Winnipeg Parking Authority has launched its "Be Aware, Park with Care" campaign which encourages drivers to follow parking laws when stopping or parking around schools, fire lanes and designated parking spaces. The WPA will be mailing out parking tickets as of May 1st, 2017. More information can be found on <http://www.winnipeg.ca/parkwithcare>
- Latest Family of Schools event is Friday April 21st involving Frontenac/WPC/GV/Archwood/Arts & Tech Centre focussing on data based decision making. This event includes all teaching staff and Educational Assistants.
- Ace Burpee visited the Kindergarten and their Beaver Lodge and shared stories and their love of the Canadian Beaver.
- Parent Conferences were successful and saw about 70-75% parents/guardians attending.
- Air Conditioner installation begins soon.
- Constable Minkus of the Winnipeg Police Department will be visiting students in Grades 3-8 discussing different topics that concern them and their community.

- New to the LRSD will be scheduling with next year's Kindergartens the Early Years Evaluation-Direct Assessment (EYE-DA): Approx 45 min assessment for incoming kindergarten students. The EYE-DA assesses 4 domains associated with readiness to learn at school: Awareness of Self and Environment, Cognitive Skills (basic math and pre-reading skills and his or her ability to solve problems), Language and Development, Physical Development, Fine Motor and Gross Motor.
- Grades 4-8 will be working on Our School Survey (formerly known as Tell Them From Me).
- Senior's Day is Wednesday April 26th in the morning from 9:00-11:00.

#### **4. PAC Business:**

- Plant Sale was a great success. Volunteers are needed in a big way on Plant Delivery day May 25th for sorting during the day and pick up/delivery in the late afternoon evening. Have time and want to help? Contact the PAC at [pac@generalvanier.com](mailto:pac@generalvanier.com)
- A letter has been submitted to the LRSD Board requesting to attend a meeting and present to them our inclusive playground project and shed light on its progress and importance to the school and community.
- A letter of support is needed from the LRSD board to continue with the project. Trustee Hugh Coburn will be contacted.

#### **5. Progress Report:**

- Show and Save books are available by contacting the PAC AND will be available for purchase at the Plant Sale pick up on May 26th AND at the GV Rummage Sale May 5th and 6th.
- The Rick Hansen Foundation is currently reviewing our application.
- Most of the grants applied for require a matching balance in our account in order to be considered. Makes for capital requests and application of funds to be considered and reviewed carefully.

#### **6, Treasurer's Report**

#### **7. New Business:**

- Halloween at General Vanier: it has been discussed that many are in support of Halloween festivities and costumes to be celebrated at General Vanier. Past concerns have been about making it equal for everyone, some may not be able to afford costumes. However as Spirit Week is well received and participated in perhaps Halloween would be and could be celebrated with the same amount of enthusiasm. Further discussion will take place at the beginning of the next school year.

**Next PAC Meeting: Annual General Meeting Tuesday May 16th at 7:00pm in the Library. ALL are welcome to attend. PAC Board for the 2017/18 School Year to be elected at this meeting.**