

**Meeting Minutes-General Vanier PAC**  
**Tuesday, May 16th 2017**

**In Attendance:**

Dawne, Tom, Jen, Chris, Bill, Shauna, Kara, Bob, Allie, Carla, Sloane, Michele

**1. Welcome**

**2. Motion to Accept Minutes from last meeting: Accepted**

**3. Admin Report:**

- We have had a Volunteer from Grade 9 at Windsor Park Collegiate offer to come and volunteer for our next pizza lunch.
- Staffing Updates: General Vanier will be hiring someone for a 1 year term position in Physical Education while Mr G is on sabbatical from the school next year. There is a vacancy in the Middle Years SLP program. Full Staffing lists will be announced soon. EA's will be in place at the end of June into early Summer.
- General Vanier enjoyed Fire Safety Day with a visit from the Fire Safety House
- Tell Them From Me Survey completed by the older grades. Focuses on student engagement, personal safety, what is going on within the school and a great way to get feedback from the kids.
- Constable Minkus worked with the 5-6's and 7-8's and discussing ways to keep themselves safe and informed. She will be visiting with the 3-4's next and another visit to the 7-8's.
- There will be a Graduation PowWow at Glenlawn Collegiate on May 25th. Grads from around the Division and their friends and family as well as the general public are welcome to attend.
- School planning is underway. Discussions have been held regarding what General Vanier has done this year, what direction are we taking going forward and what are we working on. Ideas will be moving forward to committees and staff.
- The end of the year is a busy time with music letters going home with students in grades 6-8. General Vanier will be trying to find balance and encouraging engagement with the Band Program.
- There will be a Family of Schools event on May 23rd at Windsor Park Collegiate with an all schools band performance.
- The Outdoor Education space continues to gain momentum. General Vanier is working towards a \$2000 grant from the Sustainable Development Grant. Indoor growing spaces are coming along nicely with Mrs Sacher's classroom garden projects succeeding.
- The school will be targeting more grants via a committee geared towards generating more ideas and ways to further develop the Outdoor Education space.
- The blacktop is to be patched but not repaired for the time being. The parking lot will also see some patching.
- The Air Conditioning continues its installation. Piping is going in and the electrical is being upgraded. The installers have been requested to try and have air conditioning available for the farewell.
- Volunteer Appreciation is June 5th
- Field Day and Hot Dog lunch is Tuesday June 27th.

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

- The Rummage Sale went well though donations of larger items was down. PAC to hold the Rummage Sale every 2 years instead to bring in more donations.
- \$500 to be allocated for the Grade 8 Farewell. Funds will be going towards costs for the ceremony, engraving and their year end trip.
- A Welcome Back Barbecue will be held in September. Details will be forthcoming as planning takes place. The event will be more of a barbecue for the community of General Vanier as opposed to a carnival. There will be Family Games, face painting and of course food.
- Halloween discussions continue to take place via the staff, administration and community. Past concerns as well as practices, what other schools in the area do will be taken into account. More information is needed from the community to address people's questions and concerns. A survey will be put out by PAC President Tom Peever on [www.generalvanier.com](http://www.generalvanier.com). Link to the survey will be sent out by the school.

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

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Rummage Sale
- Plant Sale delivery is coming up soon.
- Grant applications and processes are ongoing.
- Detailed updates will be coming in September.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

#### **7. 2017/2018 General Vanier PAC Members:**

- President: Tom Peever
- Vice President: Patrick Allan
- Treasurer: Kara Machnicki
- Secretary: VACANT
- Past President: Sloane Funk
- Voting Members: Chris Garroni, Shauna Anderson, Michele Bishop, Dawne McConnell

**Next Meeting: Tuesday September 12th 2017 at 7pm**