

## April 20, 2021 PAC meeting on Zoom

Attendees: Shannon, Tom, Allie, Connie, Michele Bishop, Chris, Carla Allen, Carla Reitmeier, Asif Mohammad, Kelly, Dawne, Kayla, Lauren, Larissa, Michelle Oakes

1. Welcome and motion to accept minutes from last meeting. Chris seconds.
2. Introduction of all current PAC members who give a brief description on what their roles entails

President: Shannon Peever

Vice President: Christina Koblan

Secretary: Michele Bishop

Treasurer: Kelly Wiebe

Members at large: Chris Garroni, Dawne McConnell, Carla and Pat Allan

3. PAC Business:
  - a. Roles and Responsibilities of PAC Members and committee leaders is shared
  - b. Thank you to all PAC members who have contributed this year
  - c. Shannon is happy to stay or move into a Past President role if someone else would like to take on PAC President. Christina is happy to stay on as vice president, Michele agreed to the secretary role. Kelly will continue with the treasurer position and Kayla has offered to take the lead on the media committee. Chris and Dawne indicated they will no longer be members at large because their children are graduating from General Vanier.

Next year PAC will be looking to fill the following sub committee roles:

Movie Nights

Fun lunches

Fundraising

Staff Appreciation

Bake sale

Gr 8 Farewell

- d. Nominations for AGM May 18th 2021. Making sure we have all 5 executive positions filled is crucial for PAC to continue running successfully.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. Grade 8 Farewell. Chris asks Allie what the status is on the Grade 8 farewell in regards to what the school is looking into and how PAC can help. Allie assures that a grade 8 farewell celebration will still happen, they are just unsure on what that might look like due to the rising covid cases. Individual student videos will be collaborated into a presentation. Staff and students are still brainstorming ideas and thought maybe a mini spirit

week/games type of event. Chris puts motion on the idea of PAC giving \$300 towards farewell and brings it forward to all PAC members who voted unanimously in favor of this idea.

- b. Playground enhancement project: Shannon was excited to announce that phase 2 will be breaking ground on August 23, 2021. Students will be excited to return to school with a new addition to the playground. We want to extend a huge thank you to General Vanier daycare for donating \$5000 towards this project. As the daycare stated "the children deserve it after the year they have had!". All phases have included some opportunities for all children. Grant Applications for phase 3 are already in

- c. Treasurer Report:

\$3084.00 PAC account

\$500 float

\$44,000 fundraising specific for playground

\$2500 will remain in PAC account to start next school year off

Allie talked about how important board games and how each class would appreciate \$100 each to spend on some really nice new games. PAC voted to give each classroom (13 in total) \$100 for each teacher to spend on board games and \$100 for each teacher to use at their discretion. Kelly will write up the cheque to give to Allie.

- 5. Admin Report:

- a. School update Gr 7 and 8's are creating a Sting Ray scoop each week which consists of a news report channel with what's happening around the school.
- b. School wide kahoots have been happening as well as bingo. Allie is impressed with how creative the teachers have been through this difficult school year
- c. Thrival Thursdays started up last week offering various family friendly programs online.
- d. General Vanier has been using data to see what areas children are struggling in and how to help.
- e. Important days such as orange shirt day have still been recognized '
- f. General Vanier is continuing raising money for the Union Gospel Mission
- g. Bill 64 A commission report went out to the public and they were able to voice opinions. The most important thing a parent can do is learn as much as possible about the proposed Bill 64 and note that as of now no changes will be made to next year's school year. There is a lot of information regarding Bill 64. Please contact Allie Hassin if you need any information regarding this.

- h. Covid and School: Allie spoke about what's been happening since we last met. He thanks all parents for keeping children safe and phoning him when they are unsure of the protocol and asking all the questions needed. After last year's school closure staff needed to shift from how they ran classes on a normal basis to teaching online which happened from April-June. EA's worked one on one online with students working on numeracy and literacy programs. When schools reopened in September it was all organized into color cohorts, sanitizer in each classroom. Staff were more prepared in knowing a class could be sent home or the school could shut down again. Staff developed a school plan focusing on strategies to help reconnect including belonging and generosity. Allie was happy to report the averages from term 1 and 2 of literacy and numeracy did not change even with learning from home.
- 6. New Business:
  - a. Anybody who is interested can be nominated for any PAC executive position. Interested individuals are encouraged to come forward. Next meeting will be our annual AGM filling all positions on May 18, 2021 at 7pm