

MEETING MINUTES – GP VANIER SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: November 26, 2024

Location: Hybrid (both in-person and virtual)

Attendees In-Person:

\*Cindy C  
Sarah A

\*Chad E  
Travis M

Farouk G  
Tanis J

Kim M

\*Vanier Staff

Attendees On-line/Virtual:

Linda L  
Selikene T

Julie P  
Erin G

Susan M

Joy P

Agenda Items

1. Called to Order 7:04pm
2. Welcome and Housekeeping – Welcome by Farouk G (Chair)
3. Motion to Approve Agenda by Kim M, seconded by Travis M; approved.
4. Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes by Kim M, seconded by Sarah A; approved
5. Principal's Report (Chad Edmonds, principal)

Welcome to Cindy Chin, GPV's new acting assistant principal, who introduced herself to the group.

Indigenous Education Professional Learning Day – There are two system days in the year, a day when all CBE schools do the same thing. This was one of the system days. Focus was on learning about indigenous ways of knowing. Material was tied to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.

GPV has a new librarian. Coming from the Spanish program, they are excited about working with students in a library setting. Upcoming field trips – Grade 8 Journey 2050, Grade 9 band camp. A couple of classes are going to Wordfest. High school tours are being offered at designated schools only. Many schools are full so likelihood of being able to transfer to a non-designated school is low. Exception for French immersion who are looking at transferring to an English program.

SDP (school development plan) report is online, and fees report will be published online by end of week. School website – About Us\Our School\links on the right hand side. Student growth will be monitored through outcomes-based assessment. Student growth will be monitored through outcomes-based assessment to match high schools. Continue to see students feel more connected to each other and a greater sense of belonging to Vanier. Students coming from so many different communities and feeder schools.

[School Development Plan | 2024-2025](#)  
[Georges P. Vanier Report to Parents on Fees 2023-24](#)

Wishlist (in addition to list from last meeting)

- \* Learning commons – quotes and drawings coming. Expect it will be at least \$10,000.
- \* Standup desks – between 10 and 20 (quotes coming Wednesday)
- Exercise bikes x 4 - \$750 each – helps the kids who need to move, have 4 already which are frequently used
- \* Outdoor education - \$6500 for class set of cross-country skis. Will be used for outdoor education option and could be used for gym classes.
- Art equipment - \$750 – would like to replenish equipment and continue to build program.
- \* PE Equipment - \$2000 – Space is at a premium, looking for more options for indoor and outdoor activities such as Omniball, and a set of field hockey equipment.
- Updating reading repertoire - \$2000 – would like to continue to build collection and bring in more books students like to read (in French and English).
- French gym sign – sign exists in english, looking to have French as well. Waiting on quote.
- Skateboard/scooter parking – waiting on quote.

\* Indicates priority items

Discussed what might be needed for band in future years. Instrument inventory is currently good. At the moment we have the funds from Education Matters for the learning commons as well as casino funds that need to be spent in the next year or so.

GPV is doing Christmas hampers this year. A \$500 donation from school council would be appreciated.

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

General Account Balance is \$3,738. \$2000 in expenditures have been approved from that.

Casino Account Balance is \$67,277. Funds from the next casino are expected by May 2025. \$12,000 in expenditures have been approved from that. Discussed the possibility of investing casino funds.

## **7. Key Communicator's Report**

There was no meeting this past month.

## **8. Casino Update**

GPV was offered an earlier casino, which was accepted. Casino will be February 12/13, 2024. Location is Ace Casino Blackfoot. Volunteers will be organized via signup genius. Administration will send out a notice to the school community.

## **9. Band Association Update**

Nothing new.

## **10. Fundraising**

Parent of a student on the Quebec trip asked about coordinating fundraising efforts with school council.

Coco Brooks fundraiser planned for the general account– will aim to start Feb 6 with a Feb 27 pickup date.

## **11. New Business**

Motion to approve expenditure of \$14,250 from the casino fund for requested expenditures as discussed in the meeting and noted in the meeting minutes. Motion by Stacey M, seconded by Sarah A. Motion Approved.

Motion to approve \$500 from the general account for holiday hampers. Motion by Sarah A, Seconded by Travis M. Motion Approved.

## **12. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Sarah A, seconded by Kim M; approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

Next Meeting: January 28, 2025 at 7pm

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month in the school year except December, March, and June.

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| Note that there are still opportunities for parents to help out with Council and other volunteer opportunities to learn, share ideas, or can have co-roles. This is a great opportunity to learn from other council members as parents rotate through the school and families move on. |
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