

MEETING MINUTES – GP VANIER SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: June 3, 2025

Location: Hybrid (both in-person and virtual)

Attendees In-Person:

Farouk G
Sarah A

Chad A*
Tanis J

Travis M
Monika V

Stacey M
Marty A

Attendees On-line/Virtual:

Stephanie M

Ghenet

*Vanier Staff

Agenda Items

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

There is continued growth in student achievement and belonging at GPV, including artistic growth and athletic growth. At the track meet today, GPV had more athletes than other, larger schools. Christina Ramos (band teacher) has been working with schools in the NE to raise awareness of CBE music programs in the NE. From the student survey, belonging measures are growing. 69% of kids feel there is at least one adult at school they really connect with, up 10% from last year. Pride in the school is going up. Response to I see my culture reflected is only 48.5%, but that is higher than last year. This is a growth area. Student population continues to grow, school will be over capacity next year.

School received a grant of \$5000 for greening initiatives on the school grounds.

6. Treasurer's Report

General Account Balance is \$2,722.36.

Casino Account Balance is \$137,465.63. Proceeds from the 2025 casino was \$82,995.30. Deadline to spend funds from the 2023 casino is May 2026. Travis will create a draft budget for the 2025/2026 school year.

We received notice from the Government of Alberta that we are behind on our annual reporting for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024. Balance sheet was presented to council for those years. Motion to accept audited financials as presented for fiscal years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024. Motion by Sarah, seconded by Marty. Motion Approved.

Question: Should casino funds be spent more quickly rather than accumulating funds? Parent council has been conservative because the amount of funds raised with each casino and timing of casino is variable. Casino funds have also transitioned in the last few years from band council to parent council, still working out cash flow and processes.

7. Key Communicator's Report

We will request that the school trustee for GPV attend the September parent council meeting.

8. Casino Update

GPV has already applied for the next casino license. Parent council agreed to summer and Christmas Day being blackout periods. Casino expected late 2026/early 2027.

9. Band Association Update

Have not received the proposed budget for next year yet, but typical annual expenditures have been between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per year. There has been a lot of growth in the band program in the last few years which may increase the funding ask. Remaining band association casino funds have been spent, but final reporting still needs to be completed.

Band Association wants to consider whether a full band parent council is needed, or whether having a band/fine arts representative position on the school council makes more sense. The position could be written into the bylaws to ensure continuity. Also discussed whether the band ALGC account could be closed, two ALGC accounts means double the reporting. To be discussed further in the fall.

10. Fundraising

Future fundraisers to be discussed in the fall.

11. New Business

School council has \$500 to spend on creating engagement for school council. Funds need to be spent by November 2025. Discussed ideas for parent engagement/encouraging parents to attend school council, such as including parent council in meet the teacher night and reaching out to feeder school councils.

Motion to approve expenditure of \$6,500 from the casino fund for a jointer for CTF Construction and lights for the drama program. Motion by Marty, seconded by Travis. Motion approved.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm

Next Meeting: September 2025 at 7pm, date to be confirmed.

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

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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