

MEETING MINUTES – GP VANIER SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: October 29, 2024

Location: Hybrid (both in-person and virtual)

Attendees In-Person:

*Laurelle E	Farouk G	*Chad E	Kim M
Sarah A	Donna M	Travis M	Stephanie M
Marty A	*Christina R	Monica V	Christina W
Tanis J	Stefanie F		

*Vanier Staff

Attendees On-line/Virtual:

Joy P	Julie P	Linda	Susan M
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Agenda Items

1. Called to Order 7:43pm
2. Welcome and Housekeeping – Welcome by Farouk G (Chair)
3. Motion to Approve Agenda by Kim M, seconded by Sarah A; approved.
4. Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes by Kim M, seconded by Sarah A; approved
5. Principal's Report (Chad Edmonds, principal)

GPV continues to grow with 561 students, 5 programs, and 47 neighbourhoods. Cafeteria and Learning Commons are now classrooms. GPV is working with CBE on solutions for space.

Parent teacher conferences were well attended.

Soccer had a very successful season, basketball continues, wrestling starting this week. None of this would be possible without parent support, as they are needed to help with coaching.

Student teachers from U of C and Campus St-Jean have been learning at GPV. Chad is going to U of C to guest lecture.

Upcoming band celebration on Nov 26, spirit days in December. Watch for announcements.

Mme. Laurelle's last day is November 13. Chad thanked her for everything she has done in her time at GPV. Cindy Chen will be the acting assistant principal. The permanent position will be posted in April as there are set times these positions can be posted.

GPV is also looking for a new librarian.

Administration made the following budget requests, similar to the last school year:

Emergency student supplies \$500*

ELA/FLA/SS \$1500

Math \$800

PE \$1000

Music & band

Library literacy materials \$1000

Staff appreciation meals \$1200*

One bus per homeroom \$7,500

Big Ideas – Learning Commons (~\$20,000), shorts for matching uniforms (\$2000), moveable wall for cafeteria (\$800-\$1000)

*Casino funds can not be used for starred items

6. Treasurer's Report

General Account Balance is \$4,133

Casino Account Balance is \$67,853. Funds from the next casino are expected by May 2025.

7. Key Communicator's Report

There was a Community of School Councils meeting last month. They talked about the effects of the record enrollments, creating a lack of schools and space. One of the major things discussed is there is an opportunity for school council members to take classes. Next meeting is April 23, 2025.

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 sign up genius.

9. Band Association Update

Band Association AGM was conducted tonight. They still have some casino funds remaining. Band association and school council will share future casino funds, split to be based on recommendations from school administration.

10. Fundraising

Education Matters campaign is underway. Stacey and Joy to organize a Coco Brooks Fundraiser in November.

11. New Business

Motion to approve expenditures of \$2000 from the general account and \$13,000 from the casino fund for requested expenditures as discussed in the meeting and noted in the meeting minutes. Motion by Kim M, seconded by Christina W. Discussion ensued

around strategy for expenditures and need to raise at least as much each year as is approved for expenditure from the general account. Motion Approved.

Motion to approve \$100 for a thank you gift for Mme Laurelle. Motion by Farouk G, Seconded by Dawna M. Approved.

School council will look at larger expenditures “big ideas” at a future meeting.

12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm

Next Meeting: November 26, 2024 at 7pm

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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