

**Georges P. Vanier Junior High School Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes November 16, 2023**

***Attendance:***

Andrea Pugsley-Connell, Principal  
Sheila Lane, Chair/Parent  
Damion Pollard, Vice Principal  
Tammy Murray, Vice Principal  
Lynne MacKinnon, Teacher Representative  
Stacie Burrows, Parent Representative, Oldfield Consolidated Elementary  
Heather Hopkins, Community Member  
Angela Rudderham, Parent Representative, Waverley Memorial  
Sarah Silver, Parent Representative, Holland Road  
Lilly Connors, grade 6 student representative  
Alexander Hann, grade 7 student representative  
Josie Luedey, grade 8 student representative

***Regrets:***

Carolyn Meek, Administrative Assistant  
Jacquie Cohen, Community Member

***Guest Observers:***

Sarah Khan  
Luke Miller

***1. Call to Order:*** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Shelia Lane.

***2. Introductions:*** The committee and guests introduced themselves.

***3. Approval of Agenda:*** Discussion was had to add “Student Report” as a regular part of the agenda, to which the committee agreed by consensus. Approval of the agenda as amended by Angela Rudderham, seconded by Stacie Burrows.

***4. Approval of Minutes October 19, 2023:*** Approved by Tammy Murray, seconded by Angela Rudderham.

***5. Business arising from the meeting minutes:***

- Sarah Silver has been elected by majority vote for role as SAC Parent Representative for Holland Road.
- Stacie Burrows will fill the role of SAC Parent Representative for Oldfield Consolidated Elementary. Stacie was the only candidate to put her name forward, therefore, no vote was required of the SAC.

***6. Student Representatives Report***

- Lilly Connors, grade 6 student representative reported on October spirit events at GPV which included: a dance, spirit week, costume day, fall themed food in the cafeteria, and a staff pumpkin carving contest where each student voted on their favourite.
- Alexander Hann, grade 7 student representative reported on the clubs at GPV which include a Dungeons & Dragons Club, Green Team, and Drama Club.

- Josie Luedey, grade 8 student representative reported on GPV sports. Basketball tryouts will begin in December, cross country went well, both girls and boys volleyball is doing well in their games and track will be in the spring.

## ***7. Report from Administration***

### Staff updates:

- Mr. Jones will fill in for 607 Mrs. Robertson until mid-December. Ms. Davies will fill in for LC Mrs. Glasgow until the new year. We have student teachers in the building with Mrs. Woodrow, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Auld.

### PD October

- School Councilors had Professional Development on Scope of Practice.
- Principals in HRCE had VTRA training or Threat Risk Assessment Training.
- Principals in HRCE had Three Braids provincial training. Diversity Training.

### RCMP School Liaison Officer

- Our school liaison officer will be her on November 17 to do Internet Safety presentations that will cover photos, texting, group chats and general awareness and safety on the internet to all grade 6, 7, 8 students. This is a great opportunity for RCMP to partner with GPV to provide awareness to all our students. Tomorrow will receive this presentation. We have also requested a family evening presentation from RCMP and are waiting on confirmation.

### School Councilors Preventive Guidance

- As part of our tier one support, our school councillor team have been meeting with Admin to determine preventive counselling presentations students need to help their growth and development. This year we have offered many in class presentations to support different grade levels. Grade 6 students received a conflict resolution presentation. Grade 7 received a mindfulness and understanding our brains presentation. Grade 8 students will receive School Organization and Mindfulness presentation. All students have received an Attacks on Identity presentation in September and we reviewed highlights in November to launch our START posters in every classroom. This presentation is rooted from our [Inclusive Education Act](#) (Provincial Document that guides our work in schools).
- School Councillors are offering a Parent/Guardian Information Night on November 27 from 7-8:00 in the cafeteria on the topic of Academic Coaching.
- GVP had partnered with Lockview's O2 program to do a clean-up in the graveyard, Jamison Park and both school yard areas.

### Other:

- Report cards will be sent home electronically on November 22, 2023. Parent/Guardian & Teacher Meetings will be held November 23, 2023.
- Grade 7 Immunizations went well and were ran entirely by Public Health. Public Health mandates how the set up will be including what rooms they will use, the process and even the brand of juice boxes to purchase. GPV is the host but does not have a say on how the immunizations are run.
- We have purchased 20 new chrome books with school funds. We are receiving 60 new chrome books from HRCE, but 60 old chrome books must be traded.

- We had a parent/guardian meeting for Grade 8 Band students for the approved band trip in Charlottetown. We had 97% of all band students sign up to go on the band trip. There is an upcoming auction fundraiser on December 16 at Shooters in Enfield. Band members are currently selling tickets for a gift card tree.

#### Student Success Plan (GPV Goals):

- ***Literacy:*** *To improve student's achievement in writing, with a focus on generating and developing ideas.* The Literacy Team is focusing on brainstorming and idea generation. Modeling of developing writing ideas and evaluation of the idea prior to writing is a focus.
- ***Numeracy Goal:*** *To improve student achievement in the application of number sense and operations.* The Math Team is continuing to work on cooperative mathematical conversations with peers. Grade 7 and Grade 6 will focus on fact fluency.
- ***Wellness Goal:*** *To improve student wellness.* The Guidance Team will deliver a well-being coaching session co-created by students in each homeroom. They are building relationships with students as students identify areas of well-being that they want support with. They will offer sessions to students and families. In Integrated Learning, teachers are assisting students projects.

#### **8. Finance**

- The Budget has arrived and we received \$5667.00 (\$1 per student plus \$5000) this year for the SAC to determine their spending. The committee will discuss spending next meeting.

#### **9. New Business –**

Provincial Modular Universal Bathrooms – A parent requested via the SAC Chair to add Provincial Modular Universal Bathrooms under new business. The parent then retracted her request. However, the following points were communicated:

- The Province has mandated that all modular structures have universal bathrooms and schools have no influence on their installation. The bathroom stalls have walls and doors that extend from floor to ceiling.
- The bathrooms were built with the modular, however, the signage was not put up until recently (1 1/2 years later). GPV was not informed of the new signage prior to installation. This resulted in students, teachers and administration not having time to adjust. Since then, Ms. Pugsley-Connell has talked to all the grade 6 students and reviewed the feminine products receptacles. She has also passed on her dissatisfaction to her Supervisor and Public Works regarding the lack of communication and time to inform the GPV community.
- A request was placed to install “vacant/occupied” signs on doors and installation has begun.
- Ms. Pugsley- Connell has received several correspondence from parents and guardians. She has received communication from several parents/guardians in support of the Universal design as their children find them more inclusive of the diversity of gender identities. She has also received several communications from parents/guardians dissatisfied with the Universal Bathroom design.
- There was discussion from a parent that students are coming from gender separated infrastructure and will return to gender separated infrastructure next year.

**10. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm. The next SAC meeting will be February 22, 2024. SAC meetings for the year are May 9 and June 6.