

**Georges P. Vanier Junior High School Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2023**

***Attendance:***

Andrea Pugsley-Connell, Principal  
Sheila Lane, Chair/Parent  
Damion Pollard, Vice Principal  
Tammy Murray, Vice Principal  
Lynne MacKinnon, Teacher Representative  
Jacquie Cohen, Parent Representative  
Heather Hopkins, Parent Representative

***Regrets:***

Angela Rudderham, Erin Donahoe Irwin and Carolyn Meek

***1. Call to Order:*** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Shelia Lane.

***2. Introductions:*** The members of the committee introduced themselves.

***3. Approval of Agenda:*** Approved by Heather Hopkins, Seconded by Tammy Murray

***4. Approval of Minutes dated May 18, 2023:*** Approved by Heather Hopkins, Seconded by Damian Pollard

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

- Eleven Chromebooks ordered from the 2022-2023 SAC budget have arrived.

***6. Report from Administration***

- SAC Committee Membership – The committee reviewed the current membership. We are seeking an Oldfield Parent Representative and a Holland Road Parent Representative.

**Registration:**

- HRCE has seen an increase of students this year. We had several on-line registration forms were received. Class configurations were reported.

**Staffing Update:**

- The second guidance counselor position has been filled at .6 and is shared with Lockview.
- Meg Ferguson has taken a one-year position at the NSTU. Mr.McCormick is replacing her.
- Ms Feaver is a new grade 6 teacher. Mr Verge is in for Ms Burgess as a long-term sub.
- Ms Burns and Mrs Robertson have returned.
- Ms Pratt, Mr MacLellan, Mrs Bowser and Ms J. MacKinnon are joining us new this year.

**Sports:**

- Cross country, soccer (girls and boys), and volleyball (girls) tryouts are this week.

### Student Success Plan:

#### GPV Goals

**Literacy:** To improve student's achievement in writing, with a focus on generating and developing ideas.

**Numeracy Goal:** To improve student achievement in the application of number sense and operations.

**Wellness Goal:** To improve student wellness.

- There was discussion regarding HRCE goals regarding students meeting outcomes.
- Teachers and administration meet weekly to discuss student data and create strategies to put in place to enable students to meet outcomes. Strategies include conferencing, making fact fluency a priority (grade 6), coaching, and developing common assessment practices.
- Disrupting inequities and supporting students who have self-identified is a priority.
- Nova Scotia Assessment: Grade 6 English and French Immersion October 3–18, 2023
- Nova Scotia Assessment: Grade 8 English and French Immersion May 21–June 4, 2024

### PD September 5-6

- Training: Diabetes Education & Fire Safety Modulares completed by staff. Threat Assessment is being completed by administrators.
- Other topics included: Inclusive Education Policy, Assessment Policy, NS Teaching Standards, Teacher Growth and Evaluation, Regional Student Success Plan (RSSP), Student Success Plans (SSP), Student Health and Well-Being, Black Student Lives Matter and Treaty Education, Nova Scotia Special Education Policy

### Other:

- Picture day was September 12, however the photographer was not able to photograph all the students. Reschedule day September 25. Retake day is September 18.
- Stand up Against Bully Day is Sept 14, Travis Price presented to each grade level.
- We will be having a lockdown drill on Sept. 19 and will be assisted by the RCMP.
- Our Indigenous Support Worker is collaborating with teachers to create lessons to support Truth and Reconciliation Day which falls on September 30, 2023. Teaching supplies have been purchased to support students.
- The cafeteria began service on September 11, 2023.
- Bus Evacuation Drill is October 20
- Grade 7 immunizations is November 8, 2023
- Curriculum Night will be September 21 at 6:00
- GPV Junior High Band Craft Fair October 13 (6:30-8:30) and September 14 10:00-2:00
- Student representatives will be determined shortly

### **8. Finance**

- As per the direction of SAC, student fees are not being requested this year. All students who did not come to school with supplies are being provided with supplies which were purchased from school funds.

### **9. New Business** – There was no new business.

**10. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm. The next SAC meeting will be October 19, 2023. SAC meetings for the year: November 16, February 22, May 9, and June 6.