

Georges P. Vanier School Council
Regular Meeting – Town Hall Format (New)

Nov. 19, 2013

In Attendance: Murray Marran, Annette Ouellette, Roseanne Limoges, Danny Limoges, Karen Benoit and Terry Valiquette.

Meeting commenced at 7:30 with Mr. Marran as chair. Minutes drafted by Terry Valiquette

3 YEAR PLAN: School Improvement Plan

2012 Results for Parental Survey and PAT and Diploma results for the most part are positive. A copy of the Accountability Pillar Overall Summary (See attachment) was distributed and discussed. The three year plan will be posted on the website.

>The Provincial Achievement Test results have been looked at and a plan to alter the format for delivery of material in school is going to be addressed. More review will be offered throughout the year rather than done only at the end of the school year. This process was successfully used at Prairie River in High Prairie and other schools. Exams incorporate 60% new material and 40% review material.

> Diploma Exam Participation is flagged as a concern. However, with the dually designated courses being offered there are less students enrolled in diploma exams. Therefore, it is likely that this rate will continue to decline or stay the same in the future as more students will be accessing such courses.

Dare to Care – The results from the fall program was very positive thus more training will be made available to GPV students and parents in February 2014, with an emphasis on the junior high students. FundScript is going to provide a fundraising opportunity for this program. A copy of the order forms for gift cards have been distributed to all students.

Travel Studies: Mr. Marran has proposed that next year the trip planned will be based in North America rather than overseas, possibly in the New York and Boston area. A recommendation was made to discuss the matter with senior high students for their feedback. Mr. Murran is going to look into exchange programs as a possibility to see what might be available, as this had been proposed in the past few years.

A discussion was had regarding making trips more affordable or possible for students that are interested but do not have access to financial resources. A suggestion to offer such a trip for the Gr. 9 students was made.

Excellence in Teaching Nominations – A proposal to have the students and parents nominate a staff member was made. Last year the Students Union put forth the nominations and then School Council met to finalize the plan prior to Christmas break. A nomination was made and students provided letters of support and then the official letter was made to nominate the successful candidate.

School Council newTown Hall Format – The new format was well received. However, a few concerns that this new format will not increase the number of parents attending. As well School Council is intended to provide support for staff not increase the work load. If the principal is the chairperson and the secretary is a teacher, then parents are not reducing the work load of the staff. Also, a goal that School Council needs to consider is a recruitment strategy to have more parental involvement. Mr. Marran demonstrated the change to the GP Vanier website to have easier access to School Council information. A recommendation to continue to have notices sent through edline as it appears to be a more effective means than sent through students.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Jan. 21st, 2015 at 7:30.