

Sept 19th/2024 – VMPA Board Meeting

Meeting started at 606pm

Agenda passed out ; sign in sheet passed around (9 people + Regan)

Welcome

Introduction of Board- Sayre Neufeld & Noelle Humphrey- Co-Chairs

Lindsay MacPherson- Treasurer Haley Ogston- Secretary

Catherine Lavingne – Social Media

VMPA meeting schedule (3rd Thursday of Every Month 6-7pm)

Acceptance of Agenda moved by Lindsay- 2nd Roxanne – All in Favor (majority)

Setting a Fundraising Goal - After Group Discussion regarding cost of travel (sr band trip, junior band trip and Gr 8 band trip; number of students) and equipment (purchases/maintenance/ repairs)

A fundraising goal of 30,000\$ was set. 80% of funds raised will go to VMPA – designated to Student Travel costs and 20% of funds raised will go to Vanier Music Department designated to Instruments and Equipment.

Motioned by Joanne; 2nd by Sayre- All in Favor (majority)

Student Travel Opportunities 2024-2025

Sr Band Cuba Trip (April 5-12)- Aprox total cost 2700\$ / student) Final Count 26 Students

Jr. Band - 21st Annual Con Brio Sun Peaks Festival (May 9th-11th) - Final payments due mid Feb. Approximate Cost \$650-700\$ Total

Grade 8 Victoria trip will remain a two day/one night trip with dates TBD -Oak Bay High School in Vicotria. We cannot attend the Port Alberni Festival this coming year as it is scheduled during the Cuba trip.

Jazz Band – TBD

Current Fundraisers Dates set

Trivia - Oct 18/24 – Sub Committee Formed to Organize Concession, Gaming Licenses, Marketing (Radio) – Lindsay, Noelle, Haley

Andrew will MC 1 trivia night per year- Multi purpose room booked

Do we want to change the date? Or keep it on Oct 18/24- BC Election is the Next day if this is a decision-making factor.

Sayre motioned for the first trivia night to be on Oct 18 /24- 2nded by Joanne- All in Favor (majority)

Ideas for a 2nd Trivia night (spring or year end) – Dove Creek Hall or Black Creek Hall – liquor license ?

Live Band – Catherine has connections if we wanted to do a “Social” / Dance/ Mingle

Bottle Drives- Scheduled dates booked at the Courtenay Return it Depot Nov 2/24 Jan 4/24

Volunteer Student Accounts (75%) and the Music Department (25%).The 75% will be divided evenly amongst those who worked the Bottle Drive including adult volunteers. Max of 4 parts / student.

We cannot run a bottle drive without adult helpers!

Pending- potentially switching the 25% of total money raised (currently going to Music Department) to go to VMPA general fund (Money goes to the kids either way)

Sign up coming soon (Oct 1) on the Vanier Music Dept Website – under fundraising tab.

Sign up Genius (Catherine will meet with Regan to help with website and sign up access)

On going bottle drop off Account – Catherine will look into creating a VMPA Express account using our GMPA email address- Information to follow

Winter Market- Sub Committee formed – Noelle, Lindsay, Peter and Cat

Nov 30th/24- Date Set – Vanier Gym booked

Vendor applications/ registration is LIVE

Silent Auction at the market- Bidding Owl worked well last year.

Radio Announcement/ On location (the Eagle)

? 2nd Market in the Spring?

Poinsettias- Poinsettia Sales: Oct 2 – Oct 28 – Individual fundraiser*** (profits go into individual student accounts)

Purdys: orders due by Nov 24 – Campaign is now LIVE! – Individual Fundraiser

World's Finest Chocolates: Sept 16 (approximate) – Oct 16 - Campaign is now LIVE! – Pick your boxes of chocolate up from Regan in the Music room - Individual Fundraiser

Potential Fundraisers

Grocery Bagging- Old Farm Market – we have a good connection; they invited us back and were happy to help support the Vanier Music student. – No Date set- Would anyone like to take this role of organizing and setting a date (hopefully before Christmas)

Raffle – Successful last year.

Beer and Burger Night- successful last year at Chances–good year end wind up event

Coffee- World Community Coffee- Potentially for around mothers day/Easter- Lindsay will look into this

Gunters Meat packages- Catherine will look into getting info on this

Happy Hippo- On going throughout the year- Joanne will organize 30% profit (when people purchase using the VMPPA “discount code”

West Coast Seeds- Deadline (Start and finish dates)- TBD

Housekeeping

Licensing for 50/50 – Trivia Night (Oct 18/24) Winter concert (Dec 10/24)- will proceed with applying for this year gaming licenses

Lindsay had an appointment Aug 28th/24 at the Royal Bank re: switching the accounts from BMO to RBC – This has been Finalized. \$8729.50 is our account Balance

Setting up a PO Box (198\$ / year) for the purpose of having an address on the bank account - HOLD We will clarify If we can use the schools address

Sandwich board signage purchase for Advertising events- Received a Quote from ABC Printing ~ 400-500\$ -

Sayre will forward the information to Noelle – She will connect with Terry Ingram re: a Second quote

Bursary for Grayson - 1000\$ bursary cheque written and mailed out

PAC Gaming Grant - 20\$ /student going towards any extra-curricular (Music / Sports)

If students are involved in both types of activity- only 1 20\$ grant is given.

Grant applications were due in April 2024- \$ to be received in Oct.

Regan has received \$ in the past for uniforms ect (? was this the PAC gaming grant \$)

****Cannot be used for travel outside of BC****

Lindsay will confer with PAC to see if we are eligible to access any of this grant money –
Next PAC meeting at Vanier in Oct the treasurer will give her report – Stand by

Regan will Need Help with – Sorting money/products when the money and orders come in
from from individual fundraisers – Peter and Noelle volunteered to help with this.

Music Counts Grant- 20,000\$- EQUIPMENT ONLY

Got accepted to apply- Early bird application deadline Oct 29/2024- Administrator ok to
apply (Regan)

Meeting adjourned @ 708pm – motioned by Sayre 2nd by Joanne

Next Meeting- Oct 17/24 @ 6pm Vanier Music Room