

VMPA Meeting Minutes Oct 9 /25 – 6pm

Welcome / Sign in – 10 people in attendance

Meeting Started at 6:01pm

- 1) Review and adoption of last meetings minutes from Sept 11/25** – Joanne Motioned the adoption- Lindsay seconded
- 2) Indi Neufeld – Capstone Project Proposal-** Indi Neufeld is a grade 12 graduating student who proposed his Capstone project (a grad requirement) to the VMPA.
 - Indi would like to organize and arrange the live music portion at the Winter Market on Nov 29th/25
 - His ideas are inclusive of social media advertising and marketing, getting a different variety of music (Christmas music is preferred), exploring different types of musicians (solo pianist, guitarist/singer), Battle of the bands?
 - VMPA has agreed to give him a budget of 300\$ (which is what we have paid out for live music in the past)
 - Indi will give us an update at our next meeting on Nov 13/2025
- 3) Review of past fundraisers –**

Bottle Drive – Sept 27/25 – funds raised 2150\$

- Very successful
- Increase crews at bottle depot to 6 on each shift (3 shifts) + pick up supply shift on the Friday afterschool.
- No drivers/routes on this bottle drive-due to ++ bottles from the CVRD recycling program!
- Next pick up cycle TBD- Sayre sent an email to Jennifer and is waiting to hear back. Originally told that we would be placed on a 4 month cycle (so ? beginning of dec?) We reported that we were donated approximately 1600\$ of recyclables in Aug. (~ 80% of the 2150\$ that was raised on Sept 27th)
- VMPA collectively decided to purchase 6x bag stands (~23\$ ea) + a new fold up table (Regans went missing) (~70\$) to make ongoing and future bottle drives functional. We will contact Jesse Akins to see if he can purchase through his work at Canadian Tire.

Grocery Bagging (Old Farm Market) – Oct 4th 2025- Funds raised 1006.00\$

- Overall a great day! ++ conversations and positive feedback
- Donations accepted on table outside.

- Bbq cancelled- donations from Old Farm Market of hotdogs and burgers were still given to the VMPA- we can use these in Dec at the grocery bagging event or at our BBQ at the winter market.

4) Fundraisers in the Works

Trivia Night – Black Creek Community Center – Nov 15th

Doors open at 6:30- Trivia starts at 7pm

Tickets are 15\$ each- can pre purchase via etransfer (preferred)

Tickets will also be available at the door. (cash/square -if set up/ e-transfer)

Concession- Cash only –popcorn, chips, chocolate, Pizza by the slice (idea) mocktails, pop

-Ideas re: Themes, style, DJ/MC discussed. * Both music (Name that tune style) and music trivia preferred.

- If there are new students or parents interested in helping out with the content – let us know.

Catherine and Dylan are happy to continue being involved.

Next Bottle Drive – Nov 22/25

- Sign up on the GP vanier music dept website coming soon
- Will have sign ups and routes posted for flyers to be handed a couple weeks before ; will also need drivers to collect bottles the day of bottle drive.

Grocery Bagging – Dec 13/25

Sign up sheet to be posted shortly.

Plan on doing a bbq/ chilli in a cup (Trish M offered to help with Chilli)

Potentially have square / tap set up for bbq payment options and donations.

Worlds Finest Chocolates- New Supply in Band Room! See Mrs Livingstone to sign out cases.

Individual Fundraiser- Regan can set up another round if there is enough interest.

PURPLE CASE: Gourmet Selection Suitcase (\$3 each)

Student returns \$90 to School - Profit per case for Individual Student Account:

\$39.60 (44% Profit)

YELLOW CASE: Bar Variety (3 bars x \$5)

Student returns \$100 to School - Profit per case for Individual Student Account:
\$50.00 (50% Profit)

100 cases ordered and approx 50 left

Pointsettas- Hill Top Nurseries (Victoria)

Regan has emailed them – Information and details to follow shortly

Winter Market – Nov 29th /2025

-Regan has ordered the tables

-Concession and BBQ will be in the same area (together) under covered area by entrance

*-Winter Market 2024- 3807\$ - Auction - 900\$ Concession + BBQ
865\$ BBQ sold 95 burgers +48 hotdogs*

Spring market 2024 \$3885-Admissions+ Tables Table rentals \$2042

Ordered -120 Burgers, 60 hotdogs, 10 veggie burgers and 10 veggie dogs

- Live Music – See Notes on Indi Neufelds Capstone project
- Kid Zone – room will be set up but no chaperones
- For volunteer hours for credits- Students have to be 16 and up now; but they can use these hours as Work Experience hours

Silent Auction Ideas – Lindsay and Joanne

- Baskets, online option the week before, close online the day of market, have in person ONLY auction on the day of, winners pick up baskets DAY OF MARKET (otherwise 20\$ pick up fee)
- Starting big 50% of value- increase bids by 2\$
- Donations from community – donation letter and tracking spreadsheet (to alleviate duplicate asks)
- Vendor donations- need to have these at least a week before
- ? social media donations- “ Donate Now” link/app online for people interested in supporting VMPA/Vanier Band Students
- Raffle discussed – but will revisit this type of platform in the spring.

5) Other Buisness

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- **Application for 50/50** (Trivia Night) Nov 15/25, Winter Concert-Dec 9th /25 Haley will apply. (completed 10\$/ application)
- PAC gaming grant information ?- PAC will present the budget at their next meeting. Will continue wait to see if the music program/ students are eligible for any funding through this grant.

- **Distributions of funds** from the individual fundraisers (Grocery Bagging and Bottle drives)
Previously total funds raised were divided into Student Volunteer Accounts (75%) and the Music Department account (25%).The 75% is divided evenly amongst those who worked the Bottle Drive including adult volunteers.
 - Going forward (including the bottle drive \$ from Sept 27 – as the cheque hasn't been issued yet) the 75% of funds will still be divided evenly between the student /adult volunteers, but the 25% will be now going to the VMPA instead of the GP Vanier Music Dept. (The VPMA will hold the total funds- keeping the 75% for students "in trust" for when the funds are requested to be transferred)

- Conversation around **purchasing a square machine** as a group. This could be used at fundraisers for donations, admission costs, table rentals, silent auction purchases. Easier than transfer if people don't have cash.
- Lindsay K will look and see if she has an extra one, if not these can be purchased for ~50\$ - and linked to our VMPA bank account. Square account takes 2% of credit card purchases – 10cents per debit transaction.

- **Question for Regan** to ask School admin- when parent groups pay GST on trips/ travel ect. – the school files and gets GST returns – Do the parent groups get the GST back- or where is this \$ being absorbed.

- A 2025/2026 parent contact list has been created within our VMPA email address. Outgoing emails to parents can be sent to gp.vmpa@gmail.com and BCC'd to 2025/2026 parent list. (for privacy).

6) Next Meeting – Nov 13/2025 6pm in the Band Room