

Georges P. Vanier/ Routhier School Joint Council Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2022

Attendance: Carolyn Giroux: VP GP Vanier, Monique Dubrule: VP Routhier, Pam Heckbert: Principal GP Vanier, Tara Lea, Stephanie Staudinger, Alyssa Pollard, Karin Scholl

1. Treaty Acknowledgement / Call to Order / Welcome & Introductions

Alyssa called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

2. Review / Additions / Approval of Agenda

Held due to low numbers.

3. Review/Approval of April 4, 2022 Minutes

Held due to low numbers.

4. Financial Reports: No change.

Routhier: \$1706.28, Vanier: \$1832.40 -no change.

5. Old Business: None

6. School Reports:

a. Routhier Principal Report

What's new at Routhier:

-April 6th was our kindergarten/maternelle information night.

-April 28th - Routhier assembly - Gr. 1 and 2s presented a musical performance with boomwhackers.

-The Joe(s) presented to students the 28th and the parents that evening. Thank you again to the school councils for providing our students and community with this important information.

-The 28th was hippie day.

-April 29th ERS and GPV staff were fortunate to take part in the kairos Blanket Exercise and smudging.

-Weekly volleyball practices are still going. Gr. 4 on Tues. Gr. 5 Wed. and Gr. 6 Thurs.

- ERS students attended the handgames tournament April 21st and won first place.

- Class photos occurred April 20th and again on the 27th.
- Monthly radio announcements are still taking place.
- GSA meetings for div. 2 students are still happening.
- Yoga classes are still going.
- GR. 5/6E class attended a land based learning opportunity in Driftpile April 25th. The students learned about birch tree tapping, moose calling, drum making and about a sweat lodge.
- All students took part in and wrote the spring HLAT last week. This writing assessment is used to create consistencies across our school and division. It helps focus teachers' instruction and next steps.
- The grade 6 parents organized a dance April 22nd to raise money for the field trip to Edmonton. The Edmonton trip will be taking place May 26th and 27th.
- Gr. 6 students are writing their Part A exams May 16th and 18th
- We have a presentation from Daniel Richer May 19th. He is a french indigenous storyteller.
- It is sunglasses day May 27th as well as an assembly.
- May 9th - gr. 6E students are writing the DELF A1 exam
- May11th - DELF A2 exam.
- CRM meetings are still going.
- Monthly curriculum collaboration meetings are still happening.
- Mat 19th - 6E and 6F have the telus world of science activity
- May 19th - Jump Rope for heart and stroke kick off is the 5th of May
- Track and field days are tentatively scheduled for June 7th (div 2) and 8th (div.1)
- Swimming lessons will be starting this month - more information to come.
- Teachers will be planning their year end field trips - please watch for more info.
- Joke dat Fridays
- We are pleased to announce a new staff member Madeline Obst
- Education week activity May 2 week. School wide project.
- Staff appreciation day May 2
- Bus driver appreciation May2
- Joke club Friday

b. Vanier Principal Report

April Highlights

- Collaborative Response Model-we continue to meet regularly for targeted intervention
- Other Clubs/Activities Running: GSA, Minecraft, Choir, Rockband, Art, Intramurals, Robotics Club
- April 4-5-Grades 7-8's went to Camp Nakamun
- April 5-Grad meeting
- April 5-COSC was held virtually
- April 11-14-Grade 9 and SH Band gone to Banff-even got to play at WEM
- April 12-Lunch'n'Learn-Youth Reconciliation Council-had approx 25 students attend.
- April 14-Great Easter Egg Hunt

April 19-Report Cards went out
April 21-PTI's in person 4-7, Grade 9 Course Selections and academic planning(gr.9's going into 10)
Hand games tournament in HP-Vanier got 3rd
April 24-28-Grades 7-11 wrote their second round of HLATS-marking took place on the 29th
April 26-Band Concert was held at 7pm-Gym was packed.
April 27-PTI-Virtual by appointment
April 28- Hippie Day collaboratively with Routhier,
The Joe(s) Social Media Presentation grades 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 and Parent Presentation
April 29-Routhier/Vanier Curios Blanket Exercise and smudging
JH-Badminton Teams traveled to: Falher Invitational, Valleyview Invitational, Divisionals in High Prairie, Zones in Valleyview -We won zones!
SH-Badminton Teams participated in: Falher Invitational, Valleyview invitational, High Prairie Divisionals, Valleyview Zones-2 teams heading to Provincials in Medicine Hat

From the office of the Career Coach (Katie Ellwood)

April 4th - Skills presentation to IA and art students. Students learned about skilled trades and upcoming skills competitions.
April 5th - Work Wild forestry presentation to grade 10s.
Students learned about wood products, the forestry industry in Alberta, forestation, and the many occupations and careers within forestry
April 21st - Education Liaison Association of Alberta (ELAA) visited the school. We were joined by students from Ecole Heritage.
16 Post secondary institutions including:
Mount Royal
MacEwan University
Bow Valley College
Concordia University of Edmonton
Northwestern Polytechnic (Previously GPRC)
Keyano College
Lakeland College
NAIT
Northern Lakes College
Olds College
Red Deer Polytechnic
RCMP
The Kings University
University of Alberta
University of Lethbridge
University of Calgary
April 21st - Grade 9 parent and teacher information evening - grade 10 transition.

This month we have been working on course selection with grades 9, 10 and 11. Lots of dual credit courses have been selected

We are planning to bring students to Northwestern Polytechnic on May 11th. We can bring 24 students, priority has been given to grade 11 students, but is open to gr. 10's as well.

Students are encouraged to review Dual Credit offerings on the HPSD website.

Wellness

- Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)-is meeting weekly and working on some education pieces to put around the school
- Mr. Colin Colletis onsite bi-monthly for counseling services
- Thank you to our community partners IGA and Coop for helping us with the Breakfast club.
- 1:1 Wellness services have been utilized, Miss. Chelsea is focusing on relationships with new students to our school and continuing to build on the existing ones.

Upcoming Events

- Collaborative Response Model-beginning the process to personalize the process to Vanier
- Track and Field will begin
- May 3-GP Music Festival-Virtual
- May 3-Rugby starts
- May 5-Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Childrens Day-Awareness Day
- May 19-Daniel Richer-Metis Presenter will work with French Immersion students
- May 19/20-Staff will be doing First Aid
- May 21-Grad at 3:00
- May 27-Long Service Awards
- EA Appreciation
- Secretary Appreciation
- Bus Driver Appreciation
- Substitute Appreciation
- May 16-Grade 9-ELA PAT
- May 18-Grade 9-FLA PAT
- Vanier Olympics
- June 9:
 - Colour Night-5-6pm
 - Showcase Night-5-6pm
 - Grade 7 Orientation7-8pm

c. Trustee Report

COSC April 5th meeting, ASCA resolutions discussed, mental health proposal presented. Brought to present tonight but will hold for June when more people here. Done presenting mental health proposal and rural sustainability to all municipalities. Lots of support. April 9/10 strategic planning and budget. –set goals and visions for the upcoming school year. Mental health is in top 3 (moreover, wellness and wellbeing). Focus on more community involvement within the schools. See the need to connect with the resources and people of the community. Duo stream is important and expensive. Would benefit from building within the community –francophone spirit.

7. New Business

a. ASCA Conference / AGM

Virtual only. April 22-24.

Alyssa and Tara attended. David Irvine –great speaker. Gave a message about empathy and seeking to understand before reacting. Understanding relationships and people's needs. Transformational relationships, rather than transitional relationships. 'Snowplow' parents = clearing the road to make it easier for the kids rather than allowing the kids to work through the obstacles.

Curriculum sessions –could have had more useful information. One session did seem to be exciting which was nice to see. Up to interpretation may work in different ways depending on the school and situation.

Guide to Education will not change and that is what teachers are expected to follow? –hours and percentages of day. Example 30min of physical activity.

How are the staff feeling?? Slowly getting into it. Meetings are ongoing.

Maybe they haven't had enough time to let it sink in. Not imminent –just trying to get through the day and rest of the year for now.

Some teachers have been told every year since 2012 that the curriculum would change and it hasn't changed yet. So some may not believe it will change.

Worried for well-being of Educators due to the short time to prepare for the new roll out of the curriculum.

Resolutions Update:

1. Unsafe bus stops: Carried with amendments.
 2. Diploma exams: Carried with amendments, while children's educations are heavily interrupted.
 3. Maintenance funding: Carried as is.
 4. Restoration of funding for ASCA: Carried with minor amendment.
- b. RFES Casino – June 8 & 9.

8. Next Meeting/Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm. Next meeting June 6, 2022 at 7:00 in person at JPV in the meeting room with a zoom link.