

**Minutes of Georges P. Vanier Routhier School Joint Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 2019**  
**Georges P. Vanier School**

**Present:**

Leslie Carbonne	Taryn Aucoin	Diane Benoit
Pam Heckbert	Karen Scholl	Tara Lea
Melissa Portelance	Carolyn Giroux	Alyssa Pollard
Iza Bettenson		

**1. Welcome**

Chairperson Alyssa Pollard called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**2. Review/Approval of the Agenda**

The Ecole Georges P. Vanier Student Handbook was handed out. It was suggested that it be looked at and then reviewed at the next meeting.

**Motion:** Carolyn Giroux approved the agenda.

**3. Review / Approval of the October 8, 2019 Minutes**

A note was made that for the Routhier School September 19 taste test, the persimmon was substituted for moon grapes.

**Motion:** Carolyn Giroux approved the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting.

**4. Financial Reports**

The balance in each schools School Council Account is:

Georges P. Vanier	\$1032.40
École Routhier	\$ 756.28

**5. Old Business**

**a. ASCA Meeting/Workshop**

At previous meetings having a "How to Run A School Council" workshop was discussed. Alyssa looked into that idea and two options are available. One having a workshop in person or having one by teleconference. Having a facilitator come to our area to do a workshop may cost \$400.00 depending on whether or not funding from the government was available to cover that cost or not. There was a question about whether there was ever a cost before. People present were not sure. A workshop by teleconference would not cost anything. An idea to share with other school council to share the cost

was an option. After discussion it was decided to wait to book this workshop until after the budget therefore it was tabled until the November meeting.

## **6. School Reports**

### **a. École Routhier**

- Routhier volunteer form has been sent to parents
- fundraisers-Little Caesars/Mom's pantry/Fruit in February (the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 are from the 'choose least often' category of the HPSD AP) The 1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser has gone out
- preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> hot lunch at the end of October
- Science in Motion-we are on a waiting list
- Survey going out about PTI times that would work best for parents
- Grade 6 Volleyball, sign language club, and gaming club all under way during lunch hours

#### October:

- 1-Literacy assessments started
- 2 – Student Learner Assessments for Numeracy – Grade 3
- 2-Grade 3 wrote SLAs (numeracy only)
- 4-STEM egg drop-met with Grade 3-6 students on Monday to ask for feedback about the next STEM project
- 9-Picture Day!
- 11-PD day – EA's are on their own in High Prairie
- 17-Energy efficiency workshop

Parent Teacher Interviews are only 2 nights not 3 this school year.

There will also be a surprise literacy project this year.

Mrs. Benoit would like some people to go through 3 Year AR Data from the Accountability Piller Survey. She will send out an email to Routhier Parents to try to get some volunteers to be part of the process during an evening meeting.

### **b. Georges P. Vanier**

- PACE Program is working in the school this week. More info on website
- Oct 3 was school pictures
- Oct 4 was a mentorship assembly
- Oct 4/5 Volleyball – Junior High in Peace River, Senior High in Whitecourt
- Oct 8 – U of A Presentation
- Oct 9 – X-country zones in Hines Creek
- Oct 10 – Planning for Bottles for Basketball
- Pointsetta Order Forms are out and will be taken until November 6
- Oct 15 – Divisional Volleyball
- Oct 16 – RAP
- Oct 18-19 – Volleyball
- Oct 19 – Provincial Cross Country – Dunmore
- Oct 20 – Bottles for Basketball
- Oct 24 – Indigenous Culture Night – Invite Only – Bannock making, storyteller

- Oct 24 – Perogy Pick-up
- Oct 25 – School Halloween Dance – student is organizing for the legacy project
- Oct 25/26 – Volleyball – senior high in Fairview, junior high Grimshaw
- Oct 16 – Girls junior high B volleyball game in High Prairie
- OCA – literacy benchmark tests
- Energy Efficiency Workshops

With Continuous Reporting GP Vanier is looking at no Parent Teacher Interview nights due to low attendance. Permission was received to replace PTI's with family engagement nights.

#### **c. Trustee Report**

- The MacKinnon Report

This Report was developed by an Independent Panel of Experts and recommended a path towards a balanced budget. 2 recommendations pertained to education and High Prairie School Division.

Recommendation 5 – Decrease the percentage of government funding that goes to K-12 administration and governance (currently 25 per cent) to a level comparable to British Columbia (17 per cent).

Recommended a decreased amount of government funding going to admin and governance. Alberta had higher percentages than other provinces such as BC. HPSD had a concern with this recommendation because of different interpretations of what constitutes admin and governance in different provinces. For example busing was part of those admin percentages and different rules for when students are eligible to take a bus to school are set out in each province.

It was recommended that High Prairie School Division do a thorough review of the McKinnon Report.

Recommendation 6 - Completely review and revise the current K-12 education funding formula to ensure enrolment growth is addressed and provide incentives for sharing services and achieving better education outcomes for students.

High Prairie School Division understands this to mean that they should try to find efficiencies wherever they can. One way possible is to try to share bussing with other school Divisions. However Rural Areas are different than urban.

To provide feedback with respect to budget deliberations see:  
website: [www.alberta.ca/budgetconsultation.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/budgetconsultation.aspx)

- Vaping

High Prairie School Division feels that there should be an admin procedure with respect to Vaping and is gathering feedback and information. Karen obtained feedback from the School Council to bring back to HPSD.

Smoking has an admin procedure (#470) saying no minor student shall smoke, there is no smoking in buildings or on the school grounds, and a minimum of 5 metres from doorways. These also apply to staff and mature students.

Rules are slightly different for schools depending on whether elementary or secondary school.

Vaping is hard to enforce because it is hard to catch.

- Minister of Education

The Minister of Education has promised to visit each School Board in the Province. High Prairie School Division is preparing some Messages for her including:

- Recruiting specialized teachers
- With the New Curriculum coming they would like to see as much notice as possible with information coming in a timely manner.
- They would like information on Assessments such as PAT's.
- They would like to advocate for long term predictable funding.
- They would like to see rural seats allocated for Post Secondary Education
- With respect to rural areas there are sometimes missed opportunities due to timing of courses
- MELT – Mandatory Entry Level Training – asking for bus drivers to be exempt
- Recruiting and Retaining bus drivers

## **7. New Business**

- a. Nominations for Vanier Co-Chair

Will table to the November Meeting

## **8. Next Meeting / Adjournment**

The meeting dates for the 2019-2020 School Year are on the second Tuesday of the month as follows:

November 12  
December 10  
January 14  
February 11  
March 10  
April 14  
May 12  
June 9

The response for Alex Brochu's Bus Letter arrived. It will be talked about at the next meeting.

Alyssa Pollard adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.