

## **Georges P. Vanier/ Routhier School Joint Council Meeting**

Tuesday October 10, 2023

**Attendance:** Carolyn Giroux: VP GP Vanier, Monique Dubrule: Principal Routhier, Raeann B : VP Routhier, Bill Sheets: Principal GP Vanier, Tara Lea, Stephanie Staudinger, Alyssa Pollard, Casey Decheif, Jenny St. Jean, Tracy Gagne, Chealsea, Lynn Skrepnek HPSD Trustee, Karin Schol HPSD Trustee.

### **1. Treaty Acknowledgement**

### **2. Call to Order**

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

### **3. Welcome and Introductions**

### **4. Review / Additions / Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved by Bill Sheets

### **5. Review/Approval of May 1, 2023 Minutes**

Alyssa Pollard approves minutes of May 1, 2023 meeting.

### **6. Financial Reports**

a. Routhier - \$1,695.47

b. Vanier - \$2,132.40

(\$150 will be coming from HPSD)

### **7. Old Business None**

### **8. School Reports:**

#### **a. Routhier Report**

- August 28- Indigenous Education PD Day. ERS Teachers attended a Division Wide PD Day in Joussard.

- August 29- Admin PD was held in High Prairie, Educational Assistants participated in NVCI Training.
- September 5- First day of classes
  - Welcome Assembly
  - Student shout out cards began to be handed out and count added to the Library wall.
- September 11-21- Grandparents Read Aloud
  - Grandparents joined us to read to a variety of classes.
- September 13- Play School's First Day
  - Ms. Miranda, Ms. Jenny Verrat and Ms. Tammy have joined us for another year to offer playschool at ERS.
- September 14- Meet the Staff Night
  - Over 100 parents and students attended our meet the staff night.
  - Burgers, veggies and parfaits were served to families by ERS staff.
- September 18- Root of Empathy
  - Roots of Empathy began in the 4E class.
  - “Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based classroom program that started in Toronto, Canada. The program consists of guided observations of an infant's development and emotions by elementary school children”.
- September 18- Reading Buddies
  - Classes began meeting in their reading buddies groupings.
- September 18- Friendly Helpers
  - Grade 6 students began their friendly helpers lunch program where they volunteer to help in the grades ECS & maternelle- grade 3 classes at lunch.
- September 18- Student Recycling Program Begins
  - Grade 6 students began their rotations for paper and bottle recycling. Students gather the materials to be recycled and sort them into their desired locations.
- September 19- Keith Laboucan
  - Keith Laboucan joined ERS music options to teach and perform indigenous hip hop dances.
- September 20- Tristan Demers 4-6F Students

- Tristan and FRLC coordinator Fiona Logan joined the grade 4-6 classes to show them how his drawings have influenced his work in creating illustrations for French children and teenage graphic novels.
- September 21- Terry Fox Walk
  - Students, staff, parents, siblings and community members joined ERS and Ecole Heritage to participate in the Terry Fox Walk.
  - \$4616.25 was raised in donations.
  - Students achieved their goal and will get to participate in spinning the Wheel of Doom to celebrate their efforts.
- September 22- PD Day High Prairie. ERS Teachers attended PD in High Prairie.
- September 25- Land Based Learning for gr. 4/5F and 5E
  - Students and staff attended a land based learning session and nature hike.
- September 26- Cargill Cares Donation
  - Cargill Cares has given a donation to ERS of cereal and school supplies and presented them to the staff for all students.
- September 26- Grade 4 Intramurals
  - Students joined in the gym and will be joining Mr. Rob and Ms. O'Neill for weekly intramurals and sporting activity instruction in the gymnasium at lunch every Tuesday.
- September 27- Grade 5 Intramurals
  - Students joined in the gym and will be joining Mr. Rob and Ms. O'Neill for weekly intramurals and sporting activity instruction in the gymnasium at lunch every Wednesday.
- September 28- Grade 6 Intramurals
  - Students joined in the gym and will be joining Mr. Rob and Ms. O'Neill for weekly intramurals and sporting activity instruction in the gymnasium at lunch every Thursday.
- September 29- National Truth and Reconciliation Day Activities
  - Students raised awareness by wearing orange shirts and participated in class activities honoring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- September 25-29 - Chris Zarski PD Interactive class lessons
  - Chris has provided our staff with interactive staff PD opportunities relating to our new Math and Science curriculums.

- The Student Code of Conduct was reviewed with all gr. 4-6 students this month.
- Provincial assessments and screenings have been completed.
- ATB has come to ERS to support our students with their Annual Coats for Kids Campaign
- Students of the month were presented to two students from the school.
- October 2- RFES & ERS Meeting
  - RFES Meeting @ 6:30 pm @ ERS School
- October 2- GLP's Begin
  - Teachers will have the opportunity to collaborate with their grade level partners starting this week.
  - Grade Level Partner grouping promotes collaboration between the teachers of students at the same grade level.
- October 5- Chris Zarski Visit to ERS
  - Chris has been working with our teachers last year and this year on implementing the new math curriculum. She will be meeting with teachers.
  - She will also be continuing collaboration work with teachers on our new science curriculum.
  - Teachers are involved in hands-on PD sessions and have been working with new resources in the classrooms.
- October 6- Terry Fox Assembly & Wheel of Doom
  - Students achieved their fundraising goal and will be spinning the Wheel of Doom on Friday, October 6th at our Terry Fox Assembly in blocks 9 & 10.
- October 10- One Book, One School Begins- Students will be taking part in a school wide read aloud of “Mr. Lemoncello's Library”. Students will be read to in french and english and will be taking part in cross curricular activities to celebrate the novel.
- October 10- School Council Annual General Meeting at GPV @ 7:00 pm
- DELF certificates were presented to students at the Terry Fox assembly.
- October 10-13- Chris Zarski Meet with Teachers
  - Teachers will be meeting with their grade level partners and Chris during the next few days to provide collaboration opportunities.

## Coming Soon to ERS

- October 18 - Gr. 6 parent meeting for the year end field trip.
- October 16- 20- The school wide HLAT will be written this month. A division wide writing assessment that will be collaboratively marked by ERS teachers.
- October 24- School Picture Day
- December- Earth Rangers Presentation nominated by Cargill
  - Our school was nominated for the Earth Rangers to come to present to our students.

### **b. Vanier Report**

#### **August**

28-Teachers participated in Divisional Indigenous Education in Joussard

29-New Teacher Orientation in HP, Administrators in HP

#### **September**

5/6-Staggered Entry (grades 7, 10, 12 on the 5th, grades 8, 9, 11 on the 6th)

11th-New Student Lunch

13th-Vanier-Palooza-, School Photos, Community Engagement Night/Meet the Teacher Night, Athletic Parent Meeting

15th-Grade 12 Celebration-Parking Lot BBQ

18th-Grade 7 Celebration-Cereal Breakfast

20th-10 students participated in a Sweat Lodge

21st-Evacuation Drill and Debrief

22nd-Divisional PD in High Prairie for Teachers, West End Educational Assistants partook in a Trauma Informed Workshop and Teambuilding, Beginner Teacher Conference (2 teachers attended)

25th-Grade 10 Celebration-Cereal Breakfast, Youth Council for Reconciliation organized an Elders Sharing Panel-2 Elders and 1 Knowledge Keeper

26th-Cargill Cares-Cereal Donation

28th-Terry Fox Walk/Run

29th-Orange Shirt Day

CALM presentations: ATB and Cooperators

HLATS/RCATS/MIPI and Math Benchmarks are being written

#### **Extra Curricular Activities:**

Cross Country-participated in a run at Dreamer's Lake Slog on Sept. 21st and will be attending Zones at Moonshine Lake on October 11th.

JH Golf Teams/SH Golf Teams attended Slave Lake, Spirit River and Fairview

JH Volleyball attended Peace River twice and some exhibition play.

SH Volleyball attended Peace River and Whitecourt

**Announcements:**

- CTS department for securing a \$100K grant for welding
- Looking for some volunteers to help with our Nutrition Program 1/month-baking in the Foods Lab
- New Parent Portal for Marks
- Athletics Tab available on GPV Website
- IA Vinyl Printer was repaired and operational again

**Office of the Career Coach/Dual Credit**

There are 10 high school students enrolled in dual credit courses. Allowing them to earn high school and post-secondary credits

- 1 student is enrolled in Pre-Employment Heavy Equipment Technician
- 3 students taking courses to explore possible career options
- 2 students will complete courses that guarantee them an interview with NAIT
- 2 students are taking business courses, which can transfer should they continue in a business diploma program
- 2 students are taking courses to better prepare them for post-secondary classes by increasing their writing skills.

**Dual Credit Courses Semester 2 2023-2024**

Northern Lakes College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pre-employment Industrial Mechanic (Millwright) (High Prairie)</li><li>- Pre-employment - Electrician Apprenticeship Program (Slave Lake)</li><li>- Addictions Counseling Courses</li><li>- Business Administration Courses</li><li>- Computer Network Specialist</li><li>- Early Learning and Child Care</li><li>- Educational Assistant</li><li>- Health Care Aide</li><li>- Introduction to Surveying</li><li>- Office Administration</li><li>- Social Work</li></ul>
NAIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Medical Terminology</li></ul>
Olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Accounting Principles 2</li><li>- Veterinary Practice: The Team Connection</li><li>- Electronics and Control Systems in Precision Agriculture</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global and Sustainable Tourism</li> <li>- Applied Ecology</li> <li>- Managing Landscapes</li> <li>- Training for Performance</li> </ul>
Northwestern Polytechnic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learning and Development in Childhood</li> </ul>
SAIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business Management</li> <li>- Science of Health and Wellness</li> </ul>

New partnership for fall 2024 with Northwestern Polytechnic to offer Introduction to Cree.

#### **Office of the Wellness Coach**

September has been full of relationship building with our new and returning students through 1:1 meetings with students, spending some time with our SH mentorship class, new student lunch, grade level celebrations, etc. We've had our first GSA meeting of the year and intend to meeting every other wednesday.

We have received the Breakfast Club of Canada grant again this year as well as the PowerFull kids grant from President's Choice. This funding in conjunction with the Alberta Nutrition grant runs our breakfast program that is served at no cost on a daily basis at 10:15AM. The program is always growing and adapting it's volume and menu planning. The breakfast program has had introductory meetings with the food program teachers to look at how we can support one another's programs and make both more sustainable this year.

Wellness is collaborating with the Agriculture class in applying for the Farm to Cafeteria 'Dig In!' seed grant for 2023/2024. We are in the process of narrowing down our project and focus as the application is due October 27th.

GPV's wellness day will be Tuesday October 17th which will feature all of the wellness coaches from across the division participating in different classrooms and activities throughout the day. We will be doing a school wide taste test as well as staff vs students dodgeball to end the day.

#### **Upcoming in October**

2nd-awards ceremonies Jr H and Sr H separate.

5-Grade 8 Breakfast-9am, Sandra Woitas meets with Admin Team

10-New Teacher Ryan Lessardo begins

12-Grade 11 Celebration-Breakfast, SH French Immersion Meeting at 7pm (Quebec)

13-Miss. Thierstein returns

13th-School Inspection with Katie Doucette  
17th-Wellness Day  
19-Grade 9 Celebration-Breakfast  
17th-Numeracy Committee Meets in HP  
20th-PD Day  
24th-Literacy Committee Meets in HP  
24/25th-Campus Tour-U of A/Grant MacEwan  
31-Halloween  
Nov 7-Photo Retakes  
Nov 14-DELF Exams-B1  
Nov 23/25-Community Engagement

### **c. Trustee Report**

HPSD board members will be coming into schools Dec/Jan.  
October 16 -public has open say on website.  
HPSD manages 75 buses -a new system will be trialed on some buses that will track various aspects of the bus. Example: location, idle time, maintenance.  
Benefits of this are increased safety and hopefully find ways to cut down on idle time.  
New superintendent this year.  
Trustees attended the chamber meeting -goal is to connect school and business.  
Business owners have expressed frustration when hiring students at some of their low work ethic. Wondering about how schools can teach expectations outside school.  
?Setting up a job fair.  
Dual credit -grants are available.  
Vape detector -discussed at last meeting -currently at all Holy Family Schools and Peace River Schools.

## **9. New Business**

- a. School Council Engagement Funds  
\$500 per school council available -to revitalize and enhance school council.
  1. Wellness Day
  2. ASCA workshops -booked either joint or separate.

Plan to postpone the decision until the results of the wellness study are in.

School council needs to apply for the \$500 funding each year.

Intent was not to carry over, however, this has been allowed.

As well, this year you can use this \$500 funds for ASCA registration/travel/accommodations in addition to \$350 from HPSD.

- b. Elections  
Co-Chair:  
Alyssa nominate Tara for Co-Chair, Alyssa accept.  
Casey nominate Alyssa for Co-Chair, Alyssa accept.

Alyssa move that nominations stop.  
Alyssa and Tara accept the position by acclimation.

Secretary:  
Casey nominate Stephanie S as secretary, Stephanie Accept.  
Alyssa move that nominations stop.  
Stephanie accept position by acclimation.

#### **10. Next Meeting/Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm. Next meeting November 7, 2023 at Routhier.  
Meetings for the year: Nov 7 ERS, Dec 5 JPV, Jan 9 ERS, Feb 6 JPV, Apr 9 JPV, May 7 ERS, October 8 2024 AGM ERS.