

Joint school Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 16, 2015  
G.P. Vanier School

In attendance:

Jackie Cuthbertson, Tara Lea, Cheryl Tardif, Dion Guerette, Terry Valiquette, Melissa Portelance, Karen Benoit, Alexandra Brochu, Annette Ouellette, Tammy Langelier, Chantal L'abbe, Nigel McCarthy, Bob Owens.

1. Call to order at 7:02pm

2. Additions:

- School council and long service awards.
- Routhier pizza party pumpkin carving.
- Karen Benoit approves additions to agenda

3. Previous minutes. Addition: Amend Vanier mission statement to include word "belief". "Gerry Maure" changed to "Gerald Maure". Terry Valiquette approves.

4. Business arising from previous minutes:

General:

- School council handout will be included in the report cards to present to parents. Hand out at Vanier pancake breakfast, and have conversation with parents so there is more understanding surrounding what School Council does, and what it requires to continue. At Routhier, meet the teacher night will be where the flyers will be distributed. Add to flyers that the information can be found on the ASC web page.
- School council annual report. States members, meeting dates, activities, future activities, and school council workshops that we may attend.

Routhier:

- Online school supplies. Routhier is participating in the program. The forms were sent home today, and they are due on Monday June 22. Supplies are to be sent directly to the homes.
- Pizza Party contest. Grade 3E and 1F will take place this Friday. Students carved a pumpkin, and the winners received a pizza party from the school council. No motion needed as this agenda item was previously approved at a Routhier council meeting.

5. New Business

- Budget and school fees. Awaiting Provincial and Divisional Budget decisions and School Act amendments before changes to school fee schedule will take effect. The changes may include how the school fees are being spent by the school. There is a draft Administrative Procedure being drawn up by the School Division. Divisional budget meeting is on Thursday June 18, and more will be decided upon the outcome of this meeting.
- Joint Council. Feedback is requested. Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Owens would like the council to remain together. Release agenda prior to meeting, in draft form. Release in Routhier monthly newsletter. Integrity of Routhier obligations made by School council has been upheld this year, however, it may be difficult to plan individual school functions in the fall in respect to time. More insight for those parents who only have students at one school or the other. When speaking publicly or on behalf of our schools, there is a view of a K-12 school. Other schools in the division are interested in the model. Time is saved for parents who have children at both schools. Perhaps in the fall, the meeting structure can change so that planning of events can be planned

independently. Conversely, it is suggested that this Council functions jointly, therefore, all members work on events, regardless of where the event takes place. "Council Events Planning" agenda item at regular meeting. Can an email list or phone numbers be given out to parent council members so that when looking for volunteers there is more to call.

- Long Achievement awards: Given out last Friday 19th in High Prairie. Nigel McCarthy, 5 years. Colette Turcotte, 25 years. Diane Gervais Wendy Garant 10 years. Denise Blanchette 15 years. Mr. Owens 35 years.
- Terry Fox Run. Joint event this fall in Girouxville and Guy next year. Intent to walk from Falher to Girouxville along the secondary road so as not to have to walk upon Alberta Infrastructure, but rather on MD roads. Spoke with Carmen Ewing regarding the walk coming to Girouxville. Very successful event to get the students together, and the walk will take place on September 30, 12-3pm. Do we need to give a prize based on the High School attendance? No. The events have been attended by roughly  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the students population. The route will be pre-planned, and the committee will decide if students will walk to Girouxville from Falher, or if students will walk in the town of Girouxville. Call for volunteers on committee. Terry Valiquette, Karen Benoit, Aimee Andersen, and administration. This is the 35th annual Terry Fox walk, and in the packages sent to the schools, there are typically activites, and video for the students to
- School Bus Driver appreciation. As a school council, have appreciated teachers, volunteers. Why not bus drivers. Suggested that a small token such as muffins and coffee. Next Wednesday, June 24, at both schools there will a. Karen at Vanier, Dionne and Jackie tentatively at Routhier. Approximately 20 drivers. Terry, Annette, and Jackie will make muffins. 8:25 at Routhier. Need carafe for coffee. Karen Benoit has some. Terry will drop at office in vanier. Jackie will bring cups.
- New term/members for school council. Let council know ASAP. Typically, June is the time to choose. Annette on as treasurer. Jackie on as Director and rep for 6F. Cheryl rep. 5F. Aimee as treasurer. Terry grade 12. Tammy grade 10. Intentions can be declared to be a director, and then in the Fall at the AGM, Executive positions can be elected at that time. Chantal L'abbe makes a motion to hold an AGM in fall at the September meeting. Seconded by Karen Benoit.
- What's new at Vanier. Rugby boys won a silver. Played 3 tournaments. Colour night last week. 9 banners lifted. Attendance is dropping, and may move to Thursday night. No speaker was present, however, last year with a speaker--Cheryl Bernard--attendance still low. This Thursday year end band concert at 7pm. Diploma Exams started. 24 students going to Amsterdam. Staffing, timetabling done. Students still don't have timetables, but will be handed out this week. Diploma Exam prep on Saturday Physics 30 in Slave Lake. There will be a bus offered to students. Grade 9/10 students went to party program. GPVEF looking for casino volunteers. Call Lynn Pele to volunteer.
- What's new at Routhier. Friday Aboriginal day. Friends in from Kinuso came to tell stories and sing and dance for our students. Saturday golf tournament put on by Caisse Horizon.  $\frac{1}{2}$  proceeds to Routhier and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to Heritage. Classes are out and about on fields trips because of fundraising efforts by REFS and School Council. Colette Turcotte and Miranda Gagnon putting on mini golf tourney at 5 star. 4-6 team trip to Shaw's Point. Kinder students swimming lessons. Provincial Achievement tests starting this week continue into next week. AERR results presented.

6. Trustees report will be tabled as Trustees are attending a Divisional Meeting.

7. REFS report (see attached).

GPVEF. spent money because of impending casino. Microwaves, PE equipment, technology, fitness equipment, and smokers receptacle were purchased. Volleyball reffing stands and previously purchased art displays and band risers.

8. Treasurers report. GPV has \$431.40 in account. Approximately \$700 in Routhier account, and pizza for pumpkin carving will be taken out as well. The Routhier account does not balance, and there was a request made to have the accurate balance before the end of the year. Chantal will contact Aimee or Lisa to obtain an account statement, and Alexandra has requested to review the School Council books.

9. Correspondence: Terry Fox information. Thank-you card from Routhier staff.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm

Next meeting Tuesday, September 8 7:00pm at Ecole Routhier