

Georges P. Vanier/ Routhier School Joint Council Meeting

ERS

Tuesday January 9, 2024 @ 7PM

Attendance: Carolyn Giroux: VP GP Vanier, Monique Dubrule: Principal Routhier, Rae-Ann B: VP Routhier, Bill Sheets: Principal GP Vanier, Tara Lea, Stephanie Staudinger, Karin Scholl

1. Treaty Acknowledgement

We acknowledge Treaty 8 territory; the ancestral and traditional territory of the Cree, Dene, and the Métis. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.

2. Call to Order

Tara called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

3. Welcome & Introductions

4. Review / Additions / Approval of Agenda

Postponed -low attendance.

5. Approval of Minutes December 5, 2023

Postponed -low attendance.

6. Financial Reports: Unchanged

a. Routhier: \$1845. 47

b. Vanier: \$2282.40

7. School Reports:

a. Routhier Report

ERS School Council Update

- December 4th- Admin met with Jamie Chalifoux and Connie Sabo for collaboration for future dates in the new year.
- December 5th- 5E & Villa Community Project
 - Our grade 5E class visited the villa and the students bowled with the seniors.

- December 8th- Earth Rangers Presentation @ 2:00 pm. ERS nominated by Cargill. Students enjoyed the presentation and interactive activities and concepts covered.
- December 12th- ERS Report to the Board 1:00 pm
 - Two of our students gave a tour to our trustees and after admin and our trustees discussed the AERR and school goals.
- December 12th- Goota Desmarais Presentation- Grade 2 and 5 students in the French and English classes were able to learn about the traditional foods of the Inuit by food sampling. Goota will be brought in caribou. Narwhal for the students to try. They were excited by the experience and some were eager to try the food samples.
- December 14th- Staff Meeting after school
- December 15th- Maternelle class visited the post office to mail their letters to Santa.
- December 15th- Classroom Christmas Door Decorating Activity- The doors were all done and decorated for each of the classes.
- December 5th- 5E & Villa Community Project
 - Our grade 5E class visited the villa and the students played corn hole with the seniors.
- December 19th French Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm
- December 20th- English Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm
- December 21st- Villa Christmas Concert Visit
 - Our ECS-grade 6 English students went to perform at the Villa for their residents in the morning
 - Our Maternelle- 6F
- December 22nd- Activity morning, pajama day and school wide afternoon movie for ERS students.
 - Grade 6 students lead the activity morning and were mentors to the younger students in the school.
- December 23th- January 7th- Winter break
- January 9th- SSTM meeting with Admin and LST
- January 9th- Leveled literacy groups are underway
- January 9th- Joint School Council Meeting 7pm ERS
- January 9th- Staff Meeting
- January 10th- Winter fun day committee planning is underway for our winter fun day activities.
- January 11th- ERS and GPV wellness coaches are meeting for leadership engagement planning. They will be reviewing the grade 6 leadership program that they have been working on with students and will be planning the next steps for the program going into the new year.
- January 11th- Grade 3 Curriculum reporting teacher meetings with Julia
- January 12th- Grade 4-6 Curriculum reporting teacher meetings with Julia
- January 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd, 25th- PE classes will be skating.

- Each group will get 3 opportunities to skate at the Rec Centre during PE classes.
- With generous donations from members of the community we have skates and helmets for all our students to be able to experience skating for the first time.
- January 16th- Div 1 CTM Meeting Numeracy
- January 17th- Admin PD association meeting am virtually
- January 22nd-25th Chris Zarski will be joining ERS for the day to participate in PD with teachers.
- January 23rd- Health and Safety Meeting
- January 24th- Dog Sledding- Jamie Chalifoux will be joining us with
 - Grade 4 and 6 students at ERS will be participating in our dog sledding activity.
- January 26th- Jersey Day school wide assembly
- January 30th- Div 2 CTM Meeting Numeracy
- January 30th- Term 2 options begin. Our second round of options will begin at ERS for grades 4-6 students.
- January 31st- Professional Development Day No School
- Noon recess intramurals continue on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Crib Club will be meeting on
- Other student groups and clubs will begin in January. These include: crib club, possible girls club, pokemon club, student interest will be guiding clubs.
- January Inclement weather inside recess plan will be to take classes for recess intramurals in both gyms.

b. GPV Report

Report to School Council Nov 2023

Dec

Dec 1-PD Day

Dec 4-New attendance call out system (every JH Period/SH Block)

Dec 5-Skills Exploration 9F, kicked off our reverse advent calendar

Dec 12-Report to the Board

Dec 14-Band concert

Dec 14/15-PACE presentations for grades 8-10

Dec 20-Grade 9's went to Edmonton for "A Christmas Carol"

Dec 21-SH Exam Schedule for Jan was posted online and emailed to parents

Dec 22-Condensed SH Day into the morning, SH activity in the PM, Full day Activity Day for JH, School wide Turkey Dinner and PJ Day

Dec 23-Jan 7-Christmas Break

Extra Curricular Activities:

-Basketball practices have commenced, JH girls/boys-practice on Mon/Wed, SH boys-practice on Tues/Thurs

-Community Basketball on Sundays-2-4pm

-Intramurals in both gyms during lunch

Announcements:

- Looking for some volunteers to help with our Nutrition Program 1/month-baking in the Foods Lab
- New Parent Portal for Marks-please check your email from Oct 6, email came from Kyle Nichols and Edsembli
- Athletics Tab available on GPV Website-draws and tournaments are listed there
- We are very grateful for the volunteers that helped with the Turkey Dinner. Thank you to the Smoky River Community that stepped up.
- Once per week for Semester 1-Vanier students are heading to Routhier for Mentorship.
- New Absence call out schedule-calls will go out every junior high period and every senior high block.
- Youth Council for Reconciliation meets monthly

Office of the Career Coach/Dual Credit

- 1 student completed a pre-employment mechanic program through Northern Lakes College
 - 3 students completed post-secondary courses through Northern Lakes College (2 in Addiction Counseling, 1 Early Child Learning)
 - 2 students completed a Business Management course through SAIT
 - 1 student completed Medical Terminology through NAIT
 - 1 student completed Research in Healthcare, which will guarantee her an interview at NAIT
 - 2 students completed a University prep course through the University of Lethbridge
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- 11 students are applying for term 2/second semester courses

Post secondary institution and course students in second semester are applying for:

Northern Lakes College	- Sociology - Early Child Learning
NAIT	- Medical Terminology - Anatomy and Physiology
Olds	- Electronics and Control Systems in Precision Agriculture - Training for Performance
Northwestern Polytechnic	- Learning and Development in Childhood
Athabasca University	- Introduction to Statistics

Office of the Wellness Coach

- 1:1 meetings with students across all grades continued throughout November
- Assisting in the Breakfast program some mornings with prep and serving
- GSA meeting twice per month
- Working on staff wellness initiative for Jan
- Partnership with Routhier Grade 6's, leadership program

Upcoming in Jan

- Jan 10-ELA 30 Diploma-Part A
- Jan 11-SS 30-Diploma-Part A
- Jan 13-JH Basketball Super Sat
- Jan 17-Hybrid Admin meeting
- Jan 19-Last day of SH regular classes
- Jan 17-26-In Class finals
- Jan 20-Math 30 Diploma prep
- Jan 21-Bio 30 Diploma prep
- Jan 22-Math 30 Diploma, In class Tutorials
- Jan 23-ELA 30-Diploma-Part B
- Jan 24-SS 30-Diploma-Part B
- Jan 25-Bio 30-Diploma, Last Day for Independent Study Courses
- Jan 26-Chem 30-Diploma
- Jan 31-Semester Break-PD Day, Report Cards pushed digitally

c. Trustee Report:

We are continuing community consultations across the division. So far, we've completed 7/13 sessions including the west end and have received some very informative feedback which will help guide us through whatever changes and refining that will take place regarding our Mission Vision and Core Values for the division. An online session that will take place in the new year and a survey that will go out to stakeholders across the division.

We have been busy advocating for our students, with such goals as furthering cross-ministry collaborations and increasing support especially in the arena of mental health supports. In November, we met with Ministers Nicolaides and Williams at the legislature to discuss needs, challenges and successes for our HPSD students. We have also reached out to various government officials regarding the Teaching Commission complaints process, the town of Slave Lake and a proposed homeless shelter as well as new curriculum implementation and its proposed timelines.

Literacy and Numeracy remain at the forefront of the work within our schools. Data is currently being collected to better understand any learning loss and establish targeted interventions for struggling learners. We are aware that there are many factors affecting students learning in regard to literacy and numeracy including some that are factors

outside of school reach, but we are constantly looking for ways by which our teaching and support staff can support our students learning as best we can.

Motive software has been installed on all our buses. These will help monitor things like hard stops, average speed, GPS tracking, bus attendance, among other things.

Vape detectors will be installed in school washrooms in our Junior and Senior High schools. A total of 52 units will be installed. These will monitor vaping, temperature, decibels (noise level), and air quality. Cost?

A grant application is being submitted to Alberta Education for a study in partnership with Grant MacEwan University and Dr. Emily Miline. The purpose of the study is to identify best practices for community engagement within an indigenous community setting. The application is due January 15 ,2024 and we will let you know if we are awarded the grant.

The Board of Trustees finalized and approved the plan to equip junior and senior high schools with Naloxone nasal spray to respond to any emergency in the school that may be related to opioid usage. Although we recognize events such as these are unlikely to occur, we prefer to err on the side of caution.

HPSD will be partnering with Edmonton Public Schools in a pilot project aimed at the training and professional development of Educational Assistants across the division. Part of this project will see the creation of Lead EA coaches who will work with colleagues across the division on Behavioral Management, Literacy and Numeracy and strategies working with top-tired levels of support students. Our EAs have been asking for professional development and support and this is one way the division has responded. Job opportunities have been posted.

Students are beginning to travel once again with schools. The Board of Trustees has approved an international studies field trip, a Quebec travel studies program, as well as accepting foreign exchange students from both France and Germany.

The Board has committed to reviewing our Bus Driver compensation for field trips with an eye to compensate bus drivers more fairly for doing field trips that fall outside of current collective agreement.

8. Unfinished Business

a. School / School Council Mental Health Workshop Planning

1.Chelsea -Progressive pediatrics as a resource -we have an ongoing relationship that we still work with them. Sara P. -is open and willing to do a session.

2.PACE -out of GP. Come into school already every 2-3 years for presentations on a variety of topics. Have both student and parent presentations. Free.

3.AHS -health promotion. Free social/emotional learning. Tammy N. is contact. Has been emailed.

4.Dr. Patricia M. Indigenous speaker. One presentation focuses on indigenous parenting.

5.Change health -collaboration between UofA and Blue Cross.

6. Addictions and Mental Health in Peace River

7.Crystal at FCSS (free?)-she is trained in PPP (positive parenting practices.). Balancing work and family, coping with anxiety, depression, eating habits, fads and fashion, sex behaviour, mental health first aid... Suggested Cheryl Isert has some training in life coach course as a possible option.

8.Regional consortiums: Northwest -Tara contacted and they are going to get back to her.

TO DO: Decide on format ?6-8pm with 4-5 speakers, can move to 4pm if we get more speakers booked -6-8 speakers, pick presenters, entertainment -? Joel Lavoie, student band from Heritage. Food? From school council funds -light snacks and refreshments, Advertising -start after next school council meeting, deadline after next school council meeting, ? Comedian, plan budget, ? books on topics, date April 11or16?

9. New Business -None

10. Next Meeting/Adjournment at 8:20pm, next meeting February 6, 2024 GPV.