

George P. Vanier / Ecole Routhier School
Joint School Council Minutes

Ecole Routhier Meeting Room
Tuesday, Sept 12, 2017

In Attendance: Karin Benoit, Lynn Skrepnek, Karin Scholl, Carmen Labrecque, Alexandra Brochu, Krystina Dubrule, Taryn Aucoin, Carolyn Dubrule, Melodie Schaefer, Monique Dubrule, Pamela Heckbert, Melissa Portelance, Tara Lea, Peter Sutton, Diane Benoit, Jacquelyn Noel

Regrets: Jacqui Cuthbertson

1. Meeting called to Order at 7:06 pm
2. Karin Benoit welcomed everyone to a new school year. Introductions.
3. Motion to approve the agenda - Melodie Schafer
4. Approval of June minutes with addition - Alexandra Brochu
 - a. Additions - Alexandra Brochu's name added to the "In Attendance"
5. Financial Reports
 - a. GPV - Report given by Alexandra Brochu - \$731.40
 - b. Routhier - Karin Benoit reported \$456.28 amount given from last year

e) School Reports

- a. Routhier Principal Reports

What's New at Routhier

Bussing - We are very pleased with the new pick-ups and drop-off times

First Assembly - This was moved to Friday so that students and teachers could get a little more comfortable. Staff and new students were introduced. We have approximately 230 students.

Meet the Staff Picnic - Thursday, September 14 - 6 - 8 pm

Supper will be from 6-7; Introduction of Routhier staff and then onto classes rooms to meet with teachers

Terry Fox Walk - September 28 - Working with the GPV committee to plan - take place in Jean Cote

Missoula - October 2-6 residency. Performances Friday night 7 pm and Saturday afternoon 2 pm

- Parents comment they are happy with their children spending less time on the bus.
- GPV feels bussing is working well at their end

- b. GPV Principal Reports

What's New at Vanier

Opening Assembly : went well... many new faces with our grade 7's. Some new enrollments also... hovering around 260. Met new staff - Brock Whalen, Lindsay Lehman, and Sara MacLachlan. Chelsea the Wellness Coach is also new and getting to know everyone.

Pancake Breakfast and Awards : Success! Many parents out so that is great. Would like to get council's opinion on the time and date of our awards.

Discussion about when the best time for the awards. They used to be in the evening, and at one time were in June.

- Great way to start the school year. Someone is there to represent students getting awards. All students and staff at the awards.
- A survey will go out for more feedback

Full time career coach : Katrina Jolie - more time in her schedule to respond to student need and work around their schedules better. Exploration of courses, careers, institutions, and partnerships, and Parent Education into these topics as well. Would like to get Council's opinion on how best to facilitate this

- Support for applying for University/colleges; student loans
- Scholarships - starting from grade 10 and up
- Career Fair with parents
- Presentations/ handout on non-traditional careers to expose all students to a wider expanse of careers
- Pamphlet on High School Redesign to help parents understand the shift

Extra-curricular: Golf, cross country, volleyball under way! Art club, SAGA, Intramurals.

Legacy Project : More of a project created by students to align their expertise, passions, and ideas with community betterment. Volunteers are hard to come by... time to teach students how to really volunteer, not just "work for free".

High School Redesign : Now that we are block funded, the number of credits a student receives, although is very important to obtaining their diploma and keeping programs going, we are trying to use student time better. This doesn't mean more spares, rather targeted time finishing courses and getting help with trouble spots. More flexibility with student choice and student interest and partnering with community opportunities to get kids real experiences, or targeted help in reaching their own goals is the aim.

b. Trustee Reports

- COSC--invites attendees to Joussard. Oct 26 5-8pm
- If there are enough people who want to go, a bus will be available
- Agenda is - Field trips/funds, sports team fees, school supplies, and programming
- Additional agenda items can be shared to Sue Charest at Central office
- 150\$/council/year
- ASCA conference 4 members can go HPSPD will pay for registrations, some funds, up to \$350, available for travel and hotel
- Policy Review completed
- HPSPD overall attendance was down 147 students from early September count. This can change by final count September 30
- 44 new teachers in the division
- Hired more wellness coaches in schools
- 12 wellness coaches and 7 success coaches to close the achievement gap with the FNMI students
- Board review completed before elections. Looked at legacy of the board and what was accomplished over the last 4 years

- Northern Lakes College award 20 million to build a new college in HP. Holy Family and HPSPD are working together to provide programs to connect students and college (dual credit)

7. New Business

- Elections-at October meeting
Routhier Co-Chair - only position to be filled
- ASCA has workshops available. See attachment
- Each school will send out a survey (google form) sample given
- Education Consultations
Meetings last night and tonight in Grande Prairie, with the Minister of Education. Agenda items included: age of access (6-21 yrs. of age), age of common entry, Education School Agreements between First Nations

8. Next meeting - October 10, 2017 @ GPV @ 6 pm (supper) meeting @ 7 pm

Tentative Dates for the year:

November 14 @ Routhier

January 9 @ GPV

February 13 @ Routhier

March 13 @ GPV

April 10 @ Routhier

May 8 @ GPV

June 12 @ Routhier

Send information to parents regarding the school board, council information, class rep duties

Routhier vs GPV Chili Cook-off at 6 pm

Child care provided

9. Adjournment - 8:10 pm

*Send information to parents regarding what the school board, council information