

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

Zoom Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023

**Attendance:** Carolyn Giroux: VP GP Vanier, Diane Benoit: Principal Routhier, Monique Dubrule: VP Routhier, Terry Hogan: Principal GP Vanier, Tara Lea, Stephanie Staudinger, Alyssa Pollard, Sheun Dumont, Tracy Gagne, Lisa Carbone, Melissa Menieur, Lynn Skrepnek HPSD Trustee.

## **1. Treaty Acknowledgement**

## **2. Call to Order**

Tara called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

## **3. Welcome and Introductions**

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

Added to the agenda is busing in block x of Falher. Agenda approved as amended by Alyssa P.

## **5. Review/Approval of February 27, 2023 Minutes**

Stephanie S. approves minutes of February 27, 2023 meeting.

## **6. Financial Reports**

a. Routhier - \$1,695.47

b. Vanier - \$2,132.40

## **7. Old Business None**

## **8. School Reports:**

### **a. Routhier Report**

What's new at Routhier: What's new at Routhier:

-Little Caesar Fundraiser wrapped up this month.

- Gr. 4e & 5e Students are still working on the home alone course with fcss.

- Gr. 3F students have initiated a kindness project and are selling crafts, lemonade and art to support the smoky river food bank.

-March 3rd - French classes attended Le Lever du Drapeau with Ecole Heritage at the Centre Chevalier. Our grade 6 students presented the flag and read a poem to honor the Alberta Francophone flag and culture.

- Next year's registrations are open to new students and kindergarten/maternelle students.

-The French book fair kicked off the 16th of March and closed on the 27th.

-Report cards were sent out on the 17th.

-La semaine de la francophonie est le 20th-24th. Writing activities and collaborative lessons are scheduled as well as the annual Manie Musicale!!

-Parent Teacher interviews were held the 21 and 23rd.

-GPV mentorship students come every Thursday afternoon and support in all classrooms.

-Crib club, pokemon club and hand game practices are going on during the week.

-We are currently looking for legos for our new lego wall.

-Divisional literacy and numeracy meeting were held this month as well as safety meeting, crm meetings, curriculum collaboration meetings.

-March 17th- Sub appreciation! Our gr. 4E students help serve lunch to our substitutes to thank them for their support and all the work they do for us. The gr. 4s did an amazing job!

-March 21st students wrote their second HLAT of the year.

-March 24 - PD day - Teachers will be working together and analyzing the HLAT results from students.

-March 28th is a Parent Meeting for kindergarten/maternelle registrations.

-March 31st - Western Theme day and assembly at 2:20.

-After school volleyball will be starting for gr. 4,5 and 6s starting April 4th and ending May 18th.

\*\*\*HPSD Assurance Survey has gone out to all ERS families to enhance the feedback received from stakeholders

-April 4 ERS Hand games(reigning champions) will be entering a team this year for the divisional tournament

-April 6th - Gr. 6 parents are hosting a dance to fundraise for their year end field trip.

-April 24th Missoula!!! Students will work with the Missoula leaders and a performance will be presented at the end of the week.

-April 28th is mismatched shoes and clothes theme day. No assembly because of the Missoula performance.

In May...

Pancake Breakfast! May 11th

Jump Rope - May 18th

### **b. Vanier Report**

#### **Feb 2**

#### **March**

Dugout Dunk Fundraiser is currently up and running-close to wrapping up

Francophone Media Presentation-Le mois de la Francophonie

New FI Logo will be presented on Mar 31, 2023, will be available on Entripy Assurance Surveys with Students have been completed

Basketball is done-Badminton is running at all levels

GPV Ed Foundation Met

March 6-9-YoWoChas Trip for Grade 9's

March 8-Ski Trip for Gr 7,8,10,11

March 10-PD Day-Indigenous PD in the AM,

March 10 & 11-SH Girls Zones Basketball at Vanier

March 4/11-Jean Cote Play Grad Fundraiser

March 13-14-Grad Photos

March 17-St. Patrick's Shamrock Activity

March 16-18-SR Trade Fair (Legacy students and Grad fundraiser)  
March 21-Grad Meeting was held  
March 22-SH Boys Basketball hosted an Alumni Game  
March 24-PD Day (HLAT Marking and Analysis)  
March 25 Jr.Badminton Tourney in Beaverlodge WON: 3 bronze, 2 silver, & 2 gold  
March 28-P.R. Band Festival-Virtual-open to public 7/8s-930-1015, 8/9's-10:30-11:48  
March 31-Western Day

### **Career Coach**

Grade 9 presentation - preparing for grade 10 and course selection  
Sr High Course selection  
Presentations from Grant MacEwan and Northwest Polytechnic and MC College

### **Upcoming**

April 1 - Jr. High Badminton Divisional in Slave Lake  
April 3-Grad Ticket Pickup  
April 4-Handgames in Joussard  
April 5-PTI-4:30-7:30  
-Grade 10 Orientation and Course Selection 7:30  
April 6-Report Cards go out  
-Easter Egg Hunt!  
April 7-16-Spring Break

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast provided at 10:15 am every school day plus healthy & nutritious snacks sent with field trip groups & sports teams. A daily collaboration of grade 7 or grade 9 students for 40-minutes and 2-Work Experience students for 80-minutes.

### **c. Trustee Report**

Karin is out due to sickness.  
School bus app update: Discussed at last weeks board meeting. Questions about why the app is not up to date and how it is updated. If you have the app open it needs to be refreshed continuously to update. The app is only updated once a day unless there is a change. For example, if the app was updated at 4pm and you check it at 4am and the update still says 4pm then the status has not changed.  
Temperature -at 6am, the Director of Transportation checks the temperature, and he checks it using Environment Canada Stations -takes an average from multiple ones in the area. Bus driver can still decide not to run.  
Notification -If the transportation director decides to cancel busing due to weather the transportation director calls the bus drivers and the bus drivers are responsible for

calling each parent to notify. If the buses are cancelled early during the school day, then the school must let the parents know.

Bus driver would lose income if they chose not to run. Thinking the bus driver is paid a base pay and then paid km fee on top of that. Would not get the km fee if they decided to cancel for concern of safety and it was not the departments decision. Would not like to know that the bus driver was choosing to drive based on need for income and not safety.

Glad that we are approving international and national trips again.

Doing policy review this week, something that is done every 4 years.

Board decided not to hold a COSC meeting this year. Due to many schools struggling to have parents attend school council meetings. Working on trying to increase parent attendance at school council.

ASCA is coming up, Karin and Lynn will be attending, wondering if anyone else will be coming from these two schools.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. ASCA Resolutions:**

#### **P23-01: Mandating Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks for School Board Trustee Candidates**

Thought to have it as part of the trustee nomination document.

Don't think that it should be publicly shared.

Who would police it -meaning if there was something on the check -who would deal with it and what on it would disqualify you from being a trustee?

-Generally in favour: Take out the public portion and we can support this motion.

#### **P23-02: Supporting Integrated Education Funding**

Not realistic, lack of mental health supports despite funding. Lynn reports that HPSD has been fighting for mental health supports but the Government continues to say no and they were not asking for money.

Would not say no to extra funding, still need more people to attend the positions.

RURAL only -we would support, possibly not otherwise.

#### **P23-03: Integrate Climate and Biodiversity Education Throughout the K-12 Curriculum**

Let teachers teach the facts and have students make up their own mind, so that the teacher bias does not come in.

There are outcomes in the curriculum that already address environmental outcomes. For example as well, critical thinking is already in the curriculum and is being taught already.

In general, do not support at this time.

**P23-04: Add Rights of Victims of Bully and Violence to Education Act**

Possibly not the right venue, possibly more align with the justice system. Wait to hear from the AGM more about this before decide.

**P23-05: Required Consultation Opportunities for Proposed Changes to Legislation, Regulations, or Established Programs or Practices**

Agree.

**P23-06: Setting and Meeting a Student to School Council Ratio to Improve Mental Health**

Agree.

b. ASCA Conference and AGM: April 21-23 Edmonton and Zoom.

c. School Council Engagement Activity and Wellness Activity. Thoughts had been discussed about mental health and bringing in professionals to provide mini talks to Routhier and GPV. Planning to send out a survey to parents and then we can discuss it and plan to bring in the professionals. Looking like more realistic to plan to have this in the Fall. May need to ask for permission to move the funding to then. SRAL is looking into training a professional to come into the schools to offer mental health workshops. We can always get an ASCA workshop as well to spend the money.

d. Busing in Block X. Picks up at the apartment buildings in block X and then goes around block X and then exits by the MD building. The road is not graded and the holes in the road are big. Wondering if that road -the area the bus uses could be a priority for the town. Also the snowbanks are a hazard in that area as the kids will stand on the snow bank while waiting for the bus. Lynn – not sure of the Town of Falher priority list is...sure that the area in front of the schools is a priority. Idea -have parent call the town. Will have more impact coming from a parent.

**10. Next Meeting/Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm. Next meeting May 1, 2023 at 7:00 in person at Routhier in the meeting room with a zoom link.