

Georges P. Vanier/ Routhier School Joint Council Meeting
Tuesday November 7, 2023

Attendance: Carolyn Giroux: VP GP Vanier, Monique Dubrule: Principal Routhier, Rae-Ann B: VP Routhier, Bill Sheets: Principal GP Vanier, Tara Lea, Stephanie Staudinger, Casey Decheif, Stephanie Cloutier, Jenny St. Jean, Colby A, Chelsea, Jamie Cote, Patrick Lepage (family).

1. Treaty Acknowledgement

2. Call to Order

Tara called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

3. Welcome and Introductions

4. Review / Additions / Approval of Agenda

Addition to agenda -discuss recess.

Agenda approved by Stephanie S.

5. Review/Approval of October 10, 2023 Minutes

Postponed to December 2023 meeting.

6. Financial Reports

a. Routhier - \$1,695.47 +\$150 = \$1845.47

b. Vanier - \$2,132.40 + \$150 = \$2282.40

Casey approves financial reports.

7. Old Business None

8. School Reports:

a. Routhier Report

- October 5th Chris Zarski @ ERS with Teachers
- October 10th Collaborative Team Meeting Division 1 Behavior Focus

- October 10th-13th- 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.
- October 12th-13th- Assist Training for our Wellness coach
- October 16th, 23rd, 30th- Autism Learning Series for Educators PD- Our LST and 3E Teacher were involved in a 3 part learning series about Autism and education.
- October 24th- Divisional Literacy & Numeracy Meeting
- October 16th-20th- The school wide HLAT written. A division wide writing assessment that was collaboratively marked by ERS teachers.
- October 17th- Safety Meeting for all staff
- October 18th - Gr. 6 parent meeting for the year end field trip.
- October 20th- HLAT Marking PD Day was spent marking the HLAT by focusing on writing content, organization, vocabulary and mechanics of writing.
- October 24th- Collaborative Team Meeting Division 2 Behavior
- October 24th- LifeTouch Individual and class pictures
- October 26th- Town of Falher Donation to the school of oats for our students. The mayor Donna Buchinski presented the oats to a group of students and our wellness coach. We'd like to thank (PREDA) Peace Regional Economic Development Alliance for the donation.
- October 26th- Emergency practice evacuation- Students and Staff practiced an emergency playground evacuation having students return into the school.
- October 31st- Halloween Assembly
 - Welcome by Monique
 - 1 song performed by English Music Options class.
 - 2 songs performed by French Music Options class
 - Costume Parade- Classes take turns walking across the stage showing off their costumes.
 - Just Dance song- Monster Mash
 - School Cheer
- November 1st-3rd Book Fair Preparations- Grade 6 students volunteered their recess times to help Mme. [Michelle Morin](#) prepare for the school wide BookFair
- November 2nd-4th- ACPI Convention- New Brunswick. Two of our staff attended the ACPE convention in New Brunswick to attend French professional development with other teachers from across Canada. Our teachers traveled with representatives from the French Learning Resource Centre that we work collaboratively with throughout the year.
- November 6th- ERS welcomes Mrs. Charlene Born to our school as a student teacher. She will be working in the 3E classroom with Ms. Laura Wuth.
- November 6th- Blake Dejarlais Divisional Presentation to grade ½ F and 5E classes. The presentation is "The Metis influence on the forming of the Prairie Provinces".
- November 7th- Staff Meeting
- November 9th- Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:40 am

- November 13th-17th- Metis Week - Classes will be participating in activities to learn about and celebrate the Metis culture.
- November 15th- CTM Meeting Division 1 Literacy
- November 15th - Gr. 6 Fundraising parent meeting at 7 pm at ERS
- November 17th- Report cards go home
- November 21st- Parent Teacher Interviews 5-7 pm
- November 23rd- Parent Teacher Interviews 5-7 pm
- November 23rd- School Engagement Meeting @ ERS 7:00 pm
- November 20th-24th Scholastic Book Fair at the school open to students, parents and community members.
- November 27th REFS Meeting 6:30 pm @ ERS
- November 28th- CTM Division 2 Literacy Meeting
- November 29th- TiBert le Voyageur Présentation Mat-6F étudiants. Metis storyteller Rob Malo will perform juggling, jigging and jokes for our students.
- November 29th - Photo retakes
- November 30th Wacky Hair Day Assembly
- November 30th Options classes will perform at the November Assembly.
 - Louis La Grenouille 4-6F drama option
- December 5th- December Staff Meeting
- December 8th- Earth Rangers Presentation @ 2:00 pm. ERS nominated by Cargill
- December 12th- ERS Report to the Board
- December 12th- Goota Desmarais Presentation- Grade 2 and 5 students in the French and English classes will be learning about the traditional foods of the Inuit by food sampling. Goota will be bringing in food samples for students to try.
- December 19th French Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm
- December 20th- English Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm

b. Vanier Report

October

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

3rd-Evergreen Science Trip for grade 8 to Grande Prairie

4th-Admin were in HP for meetings

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

10-New Phys Ed Teacher Ryan Lessardo began

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

13-Miss.Thierstein returned

13th-School Inspection with Katie Doucette

17th-Wellness Day-taste testing, classroom activities and school wide dodgeball

19-Grade 9 Celebration-Breakfast, Mr. Bradyn Heckbert was hired as an EA

20th-PD Day (HLAT marking)

24th-Literacy.Numeracy Committee Met in at Routhier

24/25th-Campus Tour-U of A/Grant MacEwan

31-Halloween; student-led activities-find the halloween tokens, teacher scavenger hunt and dodgeball tournament.

Poinsettia Fundraiser has launched-ends Nov 20

Extra Curricular Activities:

3 kids ran in Cross Country Provincials in
SH Boys/Girls Vball-Peace River, Grimshaw (silver for boys, bronze for girls), Fairview
(bronze for boys)
JH Boys/Girls Vball-Peace River, High Prairie, Grimshaw
JH B Girls Vball-Beaverlodge, High Prairie (Gold)

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 Edsembl
-Athletics Tab available on GPV Website-draws and tournaments are listed there
-Week of Dec 18-22-we will need volunteers to help with the prep work for the school wide Turkey Dinner.
-Once per week for Semester 1-Vanier students are heading to Routhier for Mentorship.

Office of the Career Coach/Dual Credit

-In October we continued to support grade 12 students with post secondary applications
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-Work with grade 9's has begun (planning for high school and beyond)
-We had a University calgary presentation for all of our grade 11's on Oct 3rd
-Grade 10's were shown how to access MyBluePrint and search for careers, etc.
-The University of Alberta visited on Oct 19th in our Math 20-1 c
-University of Alberta/MacEwan Campus tour open to grade 10, 11 and 12 on the Oct 25th.
-Grade 11 Success Meetings

- There are 10 high school students enrolled in dual credit courses, allowing them to earn high school and post-secondary credits.
 - 1 is taking pre-employment on campus at Northern Lakes College
 - 9 complete their work at school or home. Most can complete their work anytime (asynchronously), 2 have set class times either weekly or biweekly and 2 join class online at school daily.
 - During block 4, Writing 1000 is being offered across the division for students from all 4 high schools to participate in. The course is designed to help students develop skills in academic reading, writing, and reasoning at the university level.

Two days a week the University Professor delivers the course through zoom and the other 3 a teacher in Slave Lake supplements, supports and helps monitor the students.

Dual Credit Courses offered Semester 2 2023-2024

Northern Lakes College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-employment Industrial Mechanic (Millwright) (High Prairie) - Pre-employment - Electrician Apprenticeship Program (Slave Lake) - Addictions Counseling Courses - Business Administration Courses - Computer Network Specialist - Early Learning and Child Care - Educational Assistant - Health Care Aide - Introduction to Surveying - Office Administration - Social Work
NAIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical Terminology
Olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accounting Principles 2 - Veterinary Practice: The Team Connection - Electronics and Control Systems in Precision Agriculture - Global and Sustainable Tourism - Applied Ecology - Managing Landscapes - Training for Performance
Northwestern Polytechnic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning and Development in Childhood
SAIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business Management - Science of Health and Wellness

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

Office of the Wellness Coach

-In October we hosted our Wellness Day on October 17th that had all coaches and divisional psychologists from across the division at Vanier for classroom activities, taste testing and a school wide staff vs students dodgeball game.

-1:1 meetings with students across all grades continued throughout October

-Assisting in the Breakfast program some mornings with prep and serving

- Collaboration with ERS Coach to plan transition activities with grade 6 classes at ERS throughout the school year to build relationships with GPV coach (to start in November or December)
- GSA meeting twice per month
- Assisting students in accessing funding supports

Upcoming in November

Nov 1-SH Vball Divisionals in HP (boys/girls earned silver)
Nov 2-Grad meeting at 7pm, Northwest Polytechnic presentation
Nov 6-Photo Retakes, No Stone Left Alone with grade 9's
Nov 8-Skills Canada Presentation-grade 9's/10's
Nov 9-Remembrance Day Ceremony, Report Cards Released
Nov 14/15-DELF Exams-B1
Nov 16-Principals in HP, PTI's 4:30-7:30 in the Big Gym
Nov 20-Poinsettia's Deadline
Nov 22nd-Admin Meeting
Nov 23 (ERS)7pm -25(GPV)1pm -Community Engagement
Nov 23rd-Work Wild Presentation
Nov 29-Admin Meeting

c. Trustee Report

Email in absence. We are off to an incredible start to this school year with many projects and initiatives going on. HPSD has started a new approach to community consultations across the division. There are community focus groups being organized in each ward, an online session that will take place in the new year and a survey that will go out to stakeholders across the division. So far, we've completed 5 session 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. 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. So far, we've sent various letters to 10 different ministers requesting to meet to discuss needs, challenges and successes for HPSD students. 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. Motive software is being actively installed on all of our buses. These will help monitor things like hard stops, average speed, GPS tracking, bus attendance among other things. Should be completed by early December. We are looking into the feasibility of installing Vape Detectors in school washrooms in our Junior and Senior Highs. Listening to student concerns about washroom 'happenings', we are looking to help create safer and healthier spaces in our schools

9. New Business

a. **School Council Engagement Grant:** (Funding not included in financials - could possibly add \$2000 between both schools).

Wellness survey -completed by 58 parents.

Timing seems to be 5-8pm, most people found Routhier a more convenient location, some parents asked if Heritage School could be included.

Colby made a motion to start initial planning on wellness night. Homework for everyone around the table is to reach out and ask about ideas from other schools to get ideas of who to reach out to for speakers.

Target date: April 2024.

b. **Recess:** Question/Concern regarding inside vs outside recess. Noting changes in children behaviour with inside recess. If recess is inside -is there a plan for movement break or change from the classroom.

*-25 or colder (school has a stock of extra gear, parents responsibility to send children dressed appropriately for the weather.

*Pouring rain

*Notified by town of wild animals in the area

*Air quality

In the classroom -just dance, sign a gym out, difficult with supervision, this year intramurals at recess in the big gym. Try to find another gym period.

Who makes the call: Generally, Rita in the front office.

10. Next Meeting/Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm. Next meeting December 5,2023 JPV.