

## **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, Jenny St. Jean Routhier Teacher Rep, Colby Alquire Parent, Stephanie Cloutier Parent, Karin Scholl HPSD Trustee, Lynn Skrepnek HPSD Trustee.

### **1. Treaty Acknowledgement**

### **2. Call to Order**

Tara called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

### **3. Welcome and Introductions**

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

Added to the agenda is GPV Renovations and Busing decisions in cold weather.  
Stephanie S. approves agenda as amended.

### **5. Review/Approval of January 30, 2023 Minutes**

Terry H. approves minutes of January 30, 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:

Feb. 14 - St. Valentine's Day activities and celebrations

Feb. 15 - French Immersion students went to Carnaval and English students went to Jousard for winter activities.

Feb. 16 - 100th day of school celebrations  
 Feb. 17 - Gr. 4/5s went skiing at Little Smoky Ski Hill  
 Feb. 22 - Pink shirt Day  
 Feb. 24 - Career Day and school assembly  
 Feb. 27 - French Activities Night with Lovenia open to all students.  
 March - Home Alone course in 4E  
 March 3- Lever du Drapeau  
 March 10 and 24 - PD Day  
 March 16-27 Festival du Livre Scholastic (french book fair)  
 March 17 - Report cards are going out  
 March 21 and 23 - PTI from 5-7pm  
 March 31 - School assembly and theme day: Western  
 Roots of Empathy in 4E and 4/5F weekly  
 Pokemon Cards Club Mondays and Thursdays  
 Crib Club Tuesdays  
 Handgames - Monday & Fridays  
 Thursdays is recycling (gr. 6)  
 Gr. 5 support with fruit bins and hot lunch  
 Curriculum Collaboration meeting continue  
 Safety Meetings (monthly)  
 CRM Meetings (weekly)  
 Divisional Numeracy and Literacy Meetings  
 We would like to welcome Sharon Stoesz as our new EA in the ½ English class. We said  
 goodbye to [Kristen Guthmiller](#) in January.  
 Little Ceasar Orders deadline was up and are expected to come in the next little bit.  
 Missoula Theater will be making their much awaited debut with students April 24-28th.

#### **b. Vanier Report**

##### **Feb 2023:**

Student Teacher-Jen has returned, Charlene Born will be starting in the spring  
 Assurance Model Surveys should be in your mailboxes-please fill them out  
 Jan 31-Report Cards went out  
 Feb 1-SH Boys & Girls Basketball teams at Valleyview for a game after school (3-teams  
 including Boys Jr Varsity)  
 Feb 3-nominated a student for provincial Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award  
 2023  
 Feb 4-JH Boys & Girls Basketball teams in High Prairie  
 Feb 8-was a ½ day PD-Divisionally planned  
 Feb 9-10-Teachers Convention in Edmonton  
 Feb 10 & 11-SH Boys & Girls Basketball teams at Valleyview tournament  
 Feb 13-Land based Learning-Grade 8's-Ice Fishing in Jousard  
 Feb 13-17-CandyGrams were on sale-delivered on the 17th  
 Feb 14-Heart Day, prizes and Formal Day

Feb 15-Carnival-SH F.I. Students went with Routhier  
Feb 15-16-Curling Zones in Falher hosted by Vanier  
Feb 19-Ed Foundation Met  
Feb 21-Grad Meeting  
Feb 22-Pink Shirt Day  
Feb 24-2023-24 School Calendar was released  
Feb 24-Career Day  
Feb 24 & 25-SH Boys & Girls Basketball teams at GP Composite tournament (both teams win Bronze medals!)  
Feb 25-JH Boys & Girls Basketball teams in High Prairie  
Feb 28-Hockey Hookie-Oil Kings Game  
Sausage and Perogy Fundraiser just ended  
Dugout Dunk Fundraiser is currently up and running.

### **Career Coach**

Grade 9 presentation - preparing for grade 10 and course selection  
Begin grade 10, one - on - one student meetings - preparing for course selection  
Sr High Presentations: Junior Forest Rangers (JFR), Concordia University, University of Calgary, Lakeland College, visit from a student alumni

### **Upcoming**

Francophone Media Blitz-Le mois de la Francophonie  
March 6-9-YoWoChas Trip for Grade 9's  
March 8-Ski Trip for Gr 7,8,10,11  
March 10 & 11-SH Girls Zones Basketball at Vanier (Volunteers needed; both adults & Legacy students!)  
March 13-14-Grad Photos  
March 16-18-SR Trade Fair (Legacy student volunteers!)  
March 31-Western Day  
PD Days-10 and 24th  
Calahoo Meat Fundraiser in the Spring

### **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**

Completed interviews and entire process for a new superintendent. Will be making the announcement as soon as everything is finalized. June 7-9 dates secured for

negotiations with Alberta Teacher Union. Bus driver liaison meeting is coming up to discuss any day to day concerns. Anything outside of their collective agreement. Supervisor curriculum meeting with how the curriculum is unfolding in our schools. We did hear a lot of positive feedback. Teachers have felt overwhelmed but grateful that the teachers have compassion and dedication to learning and teaching. Early learning coordinator. Completed 2023-2024 school calendar. Had good response to survey -over 1800. A second survey was sent out to staff -feedback around Christmas break. Was decided to end school later in December and return the second week of January. ASCA in person this year. HPSD pays for 2 members from each school council to attend and access to \$350 per school to cover extra expenses such as travel and accommodations. Still searching for bus drivers. Approved at last board meeting for Busy Bee Daycare to Lease the building in Routhier yard. Approved in full a national field trip for GPV and other schools in the division.

Karin and Lynn are attending the rural school board symposium this Sunday to Tuesday. An opportunity for people in similar situations, facing similar issues to discuss ideas. Busing -approached by a couple of concerned parents who are checking the app and finding it is not updated. Looking for feedback on what parents are using for Bus updates -ex -talking to bus driver or checking the app. Seems most parents are checking in the with bus drivers. App is not up to date it seems in general. Does not seem to be a point in having an app that is not up to date.

Questions that have been brought forward:

-How are the minus 35 decisions made? Last week it was below minus 35 in most areas and buses ran. Who makes the decision and from where? Trustees will take back to meeting and bring back answers.

## **9. New Business**

a. ASCA Conference & AGM – April 21-23 Edmonton and Zoom -zoom may only be for the AGM and not the whole conference. Let us know if anyone is interested in attending, we can send 2 from each school.

b. School Council Engagement Grant -How to Spend. We can spend \$500 from each school to find a way to get more people involved in school councils. If anyone has any ideas, please share. We have until June to spend it, but if we do not spend it the money goes back to the Government. If you bring a speaker can you buy food? Food/Snacks is more attractive for people. Information for parents around vaping is an idea. Wondering if the wellness coaches have any insight into what the kids are thinking about? Administration will reach out to wellness coaches for their ideas. General lack of mental health supports in our area. Idea -Wellness Night =vaping talk, anxiety talk, etc with snacks and then parents and students can access which they are interested in. Possible that vaping is a symptom of a broader concern -such as mental wellness that is lacking.

Will find out if the grant will cover snacks.

c. GPV Renovations – Update, nothing has been finalized but it seems it is very likely the renovation will happen. If the renovation does happen a large portion of the school will be lost. ‘School Right Sizing’. GPV has been on the list since 1997. The school will be smaller and the gym will be bigger. Losing the small gym and extending the big gym to fit 2 courts. However, main point is that this is not for sure yet. No secured funding yet. The idea of right sizing is to save on efficiency costs. Brainstorming about a sports academy idea. Add in 80 mins of sports per day. A huge benefit to the community to keep kids here. Would help to have community coaches who can volunteer. This year we have really seen the traditional model of schooling is not working for all students. Another brainstorming idea is looking for an outreach school outside of the west end of High Prairie. Post Covid still seeing a lot of learning gaps which is causing major disruption in the classroom. The path to graduation is not straight. Outreach = learning at your own pace and a teacher will support you. HP has this now. It is a different environment, more flexible, not as rigid. Students don’t have to be one or the other. Right now however, it is not feasible as closest place is HP. Loss of Alberta Distance Learning is being felt. Would be great if Alberta were to bring that back. Noted that Sask is now bringing it in.

#### **10. Next Meeting/Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. Next meeting March 27, 2023 at 7:00 in person at Vanier in the meeting room with a zoom link.