

Vanier/Routhier Joint School Council Meeting
May 12, 2015

Attendance: Pam Heckbert, Cindy Maisonneuve, Cheryl Tardif, Bob Owens, Alexandra Brochu, Peter Sutton, Annette Ouelette, Dionne Guerrette, Lynn Skrepnek, Melissa Portelance, Karen Scholl, Terry Valiquette, Karen Benoit, Chantal L'abbe

1. Call to Order 6:59 pm
2. Additions/ approval of agenda. Peter Sutton approves agenda.
3. Approval of previous minutes. Bob Owens approves with addition of GPVEF call for volunteers.
4. Business arising from previous minutes:
 - a. None from Vanier
 - b. Routhier: Teacher appreciation lunch at Routhier. Not discussed at previous (COSC) meeting, discussed with some council members. Decided that a pizza lunch would be best. Phone calls were made for volunteers, but little or no volunteers came forward. Melissa Portelance made many of the phone calls to have parent volunteers. Class Reps need to understand what the responsibilities are of the class rep. Many attempts were made to contact volunteers, and only a few made it. Send out a survey to parents indicating how they would/could help within the school. A volunteer checklist in the registration package was suggested. 2 meals served at Vanier, served by parents, made by parents. Council will work to recruit more parents for next year.
 - c. Bottle drive raised over \$8700
5. New Business:
 - General:
 - a. COSC feedback request: Went well. Lots of information and attendees. Lots of feedback from the other schools that was helpful. Great discussion about communication, and the COSC Conference. Could we hold our own local 'conference' for parents to discuss issues?
 - b. School Council Report: Report of what was done throughout the year, who attended, and how the money from the Division was spent.
 - Routhier:
 - a. Online School Supplies. Does School Council want to proceed with this? Chantal will ask Aimee if she wants to work on this. Shopping around was suggested, or shopping locally. Local businesses could not compare. Melissa has the contact information
 - Vanier:
 - a. School Finances. Budget was reviewed with Murray, and the everyday operations will not change as a result of the Alberta Government Budget. No staffing issues, no teaching positions will be cut. The budget that was given by the government, is a 'tabled' budget, and this may not be the working budget for the year, however, schools are still working under the current framework. Budget deadlines for the Division have been pushed back to June 30.

- b. School Mission statement. Not quite ready. Need parental input wanted. The statement is quite lengthy, and needs to be summed up in a more efficient manner, for clarity. The statement needs to reflect the values and
- c. Dugout Winners. Gerry Maure, Julie St. Laurent, and Kim Girard. Made approximately \$3000

6. Trustees Report:

- a. Attended ASCA conference. Discussion of wifi and health concerns regarding wifi being on all the time. Standards of time, and how strong the signal is were proposed, and defeated. Dual credit was also discussed and was voted in. Parents concerned about cuts to education, this was reflected in the vote. PSBA nominations were given to schools, and the board awaits these from the schools. It was suggested by the trustees that the ASCA conference is a great resource for School Councils, and there are many high interest lectures available. The board will cover the cost of 2 people from each school to attend.
- b. GPV Graduation this weekend
- c. Kinuso community planning not attended as well as hoped

7. REFES: No reps present.

GPVEF: Elect new council. Looking for volunteers for the casino. September 30 and October 1. Last casino money was spent on gym equipment, foods lab equipment.

Next year's proceeds allocation will be decided by the new members.

It was suggested that a member of REFES attend the June meeting to give the council an update.

8. Correspondance

9. Treasurers Report: GPV: \$431.40 as of April 30 Routhier: Treasurer not in attendance

Next meeting will be June 16th @ 7:00pm at GPV

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.