

Georges P. Vanier/ Routhier School Joint Council Meeting

Over Zoom

Monday, November 28, 2022 @ 7PM

Attendance: Wendy Tokarz, Carolyn Giroux, GPV Vice Principal, Monique Dubrule, Routhier Vice Principal, Tara Lea, Leslie Carbone, Jenny St. Jean, Routhier Teacher Rep, Terry Hogan, GPV Principal, Diane Benoit, Routhier Principal, Melodie Valiquette, GPV Teacher Rep, Tracy Gagne, Colbi Alguire

1. Treaty Acknowledgement

2. Call to Order - 7:03 pm

3. Welcome & Introductions

4. Review / Additions / Approval of Agenda – Winter Sports Programs Routhier was added as Item C in New Business and Jeux Francophone was added as Item D in New Business. Leslie Carbone approved the agenda as amended.

5. Review/Approval of October 24, 2022 Minutes - Wendy Tokarz approved the minutes.

6. Financial Reports:

- a. Routhier - \$1695.47
- b. Vanier - \$2132.40

7. Old Business: no business arising from the minutes

8. School Reports:

a. Routhier Report

What's New at Routhier

- We had a presentation from La Grande Coulée on Nov. 3rd. Students were able to experience what it is like on a maple syrup farm. They also experienced French culture through music and dancing.
- We had our Remembrance Day ceremony Nov. 10th. We invited community members and RCMP representatives to take part in our ceremony. Grade 4,5 and 6 students took part with songs and poems.
- November 16th was class photos and retakes with life touch.
- Report cards went out via email Nov. 18. We had Parent Teacher Interviews Nov. 22 and 24th from 5-7pm. Parents were able to attend in person meetings as well as phone calls or zoom if requested.
- We completed the first full month of our hot lunch program. We are very excited that it is so successful. Our grade 5 students have been key in supporting delivering lunches and bringing back the carts of dirty dishes. Grade 5 students are also trusted to deliver bins of fruit to all classrooms each morning. Our friendly helpers, which are grade 6

students, have been responsible for eating with younger students in classrooms to support teachers. We are very thankful for how our students have stepped up to support all aspects of our school. Other ways have been paper recycling and bottle recycling.

- Grade 4E class and 4/5F class have had an opportunity to take part in the Roots of Empathy program every Thursday.
- Nov. 16th we were informed from the Center of Disease and Control that our school had exceeded the 10% reported illness bar. Recommendations were given to the school and were shared with parents. Our data will be reviewed and updated in the coming weeks.
- GPV mentorship students are scheduled to come every Thursday afternoon to support classrooms.
- We had our November theme day the 24th - Flannel Day!
- Pace had started their program with grade 6 and Kindergarten classes. The Who do you tell program will start back up in January.
- We had our annual book fair this month from Nov. 17 to the 24th. Thank you to all community members who helped out with working the tables.
- Grade level curriculum collaboration meetings continue to occur monthly with teachers working with other teachers in the division to support student learning.
- We had the Earth Rangers presentation Nov. 8th. Students were very engaged and enjoyed the presentation. Thank you to Cargill again.
- We said goodbye to two of our staff members this month. Suzanne Desaulniers and Aimee Andersen. We would like to welcome Diane Osmond and Kristen Guthmiller as Education Assistants in our school.
- December is a short, but busy month. Dec. 8th is our report to the board.
- The Holiday Spirit is showing. This year's door decorating theme is Festival of Trees.
- Classes are preparing for the Christmas Concerts. English classes will perform Dec, 13th and the French classes on the 14th.
- Dec. 16 is our theme day - pjs and Christmas celebrations. Teachers will communicate through their newsletters any specific celebrations in the classroom.
- Monthly staff meetings, safety meetings and Collaborative Response meetings continue to occur.
- Mr. Rob is in the process of building relationships with classrooms and students. He is participating in classroom activities and seeing students one on one when necessary.
- Our speech therapist, Kristen, and Occupational therapist Janelle are regularly in the school supporting our students that require it.
- Jessie Johnson, school psychologist is in every other week supporting students who have been referred.

Q: When will you know if the Respiratory Illness Outbreak will be lifted and if we will have a Christmas Concert?

A: Haven't had any contact with the CDC as of yet. Student Illness is still over 10%. On November 30th we expect to hear more regarding whether the outbreak has been lifted.

b. GPV Report-

Nov Highlights:

- Collaborative Response Teams are meeting to strategize for student success
- Universal Assessments are wrapping up; Mipi is done, RCAT is done and the first round of HLAT was completed today with teachers marking and determining grade level.
- Service Providers have been in to assess student needs and continue to do so; OT, Speech/Language, Counseling Consultant and Divisional Psychologist.
- Breakfast Club is running daily with Wellness classes
- Cafe Vanier-with SH Foods
- Volleyball-Zones are complete for all levels; JH in Peace River, SH Girls in Peace River, SH Boys in La Crete
- Basketball: has started their practices
- Fundraising opportunities to subsidize sports fees; Purdy's, sausages/perogies, and Calahoo meats.
- Nov 7-Grade 9's participate in No Stone Left Alone
- Nov 10-Remembrance Day Ceremony and Report Cards
- Nov 16-Kokum Connie led the students in a smudge
- Nov 17-PTI's-5-8pm, First Grad parent/student Meeting
- Nov 21-24-Virtual GSA Conference that students were able to participate
- Nov 25-PD Day
- Fundraiser for Student incentives: poinsettias -Deadline was Nov 25

From the office of the Career Coach (Katie Ellwood)

1. October 27th - MacEwan presentation in Math 20-1
2. November 3 - NAIT Campus tour (Open to gr. 11 and 12 students in good standing, also open to grade 10's if space permits)
3. November 8 - Skills Canada Presentation (Options)
4. November 16 - Work Wild - all Science 10 students - block 1 rescheduled to Nov 29.
5. November 17 - Bold Eagle (Block 2)

Wellness-Miss. Chelsea

- The Breakfast Club is up and running again this year. We have received funding from the Alberta Nutrition Grant and Breakfast Club of Canada to deliver a universal free program to all students at Vanier.
- Wellness has been busy with 1:1 visits with students, some classroom presentations and collaborating with community agencies.
- The GSA is up and running, meeting every Thursday at lunch. We're hoping to do some education-based activities across the school so that we can do our best at providing an inclusive and safe space for all Vanier students.

Upcoming Events

- Coins for Change Kickoff
- Dec 4-Bottle Drive-Sports fundraising, Mrs. Pitre is the contact
- Dec 5-Laura coming to have meeting with staff
- Dec 8-Board Presentation
- Dec 13-Grade 9's will attend "The Christmas Carol" in Edmonton
- Dec 15-Band Concert @ 7pm
- Dec 16-Turkey Dinner, Activity Day, PJ/Christmas Sweater Day
- Christmas Break-Dec 17-Jan 2, classes resume Jan 3

Q: Regarding sports fees fundraising - if volleyball is over, do the fundraising go towards these Fees

A: Yes they do if a student fundraises even if fees are paid you may receive a credit at the end of the year.

c. Trustee Report

Karin Scholl and Lynn Skrepnek submitted a report as they were unable to attend the meeting.

Trustee Report:

We recently attended a Public School Boards Association Council meeting in Edmonton. 5 top advocacy priorities for the Public School Boards Association were agreed upon:

1. Cross-ministries (working together for students across all provincial ministries)
2. Funding - in general, advocating to appropriate funding for student education including; taking a look at the funding formula
3. Mental health (for staff and students)
4. Public School education promotion as the best option for Alberta communities
5. Transportation

We also attended the Alberta School Boards Association FGM in Edmonton. Several motions were brought up, discussed, debated and voted upon.

1. September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to be recognized as a statutory holiday
2. Opposition to the Voucher system for Alberta students
3. Provincial direction regarding mask mandates in schools - asking to leave medical and masking decisions to the CMOH
4. Request to establish a cross-ministry task force to review the Standards for Education
5. Establish child-centered ministries avenues to work together for the betterment of all children

We attended an MLA breakfast and our MLA Todd Loewen was in attendance. Premier Danielle Smith also attended and spoke shortly. She did reiterate her lack of desire to mask children through mandates again as well as letting us know that they will be reviewing the MELT program to see if changes could be made to it for school bus drivers to help with driver shortages and to shorten the length of time to train a driver.

Finally, we met with the consultant we retained to help us hire a new Superintendent. He is very optimistic and eager to help us through the process. We look forward to a successful outcome.

9. New Business

- a. Call to see if our school Council wants to put in a resolution to ASCA. (We have no meeting before the resolution submission deadline.)

If anyone would like to put in an ASCA resolution, we need to begin the process now to meet the deadlines.

Resolution suggestions: bussing issues and the necessity of more drivers, mental health diagnosis for students - how can some of the steps be alleviated for parents through the school? School Council Members present were supportive of a resolution on the topic of bussing.

An email will be shared with School Council members with drafts of the proposed resolution(s) for feedback. Resolution(s) will be worked on and shared at the January School Council meeting.

- b. Student Handbook (Link Reminder) -

https://gpv.hpsd.ca/parents_and_students/g_p_v_student_handbook/2020_student_handbook Review the handbook on the website and give the school feedback and suggestions. It is similar to previous editions, however a new paragraph was written about language expectations, cell phones, and other items.

- c. Winter Sports - 4 and 5 Skiing; PE curriculum indicates cross-country skiing; discussions will occur with gym teachers in regards to skating and curling.

Q: What does the money from ERS fundraisers go towards?

A: These funds contribute to lowering the cost of field trips. It is divided amongst classes per student. Expenses not covered, are out-of-pocket expenses for the parents (school fee memo). Skiing is a cost to grade 4 and 5 students and the school covers the expenses for transportation and drivers.

- d. Jeux francophone -Registration opens on Dec 2, independent from School however we will support students that need help to go through this process. Student classes have had information given to them in case they are interested in participating.

10. Next Meeting/Adjournment: January 30, 2023 @ 7 pm GPV. Adjournment at 7:50 PM.