

Georges P Vanier/Routhier School Joint School Council  
Minutes

Tuesday, Jan 16, 2018  
7:04 pm

Georges P. Vanier meeting room

Attendance: Diane Benoit, Melissa Portelance, Pam Heckbert, Wendy Tokarz, Cheryl Tardif, Karen Benoit, Monique Dubrule, Melodie Schaefer, Tara Lea, Karin Scholl, Coralie Wickman, Casey Rochon, Jackie Cuthbertson, Alex Brochu, Peter Sutton, Carolyn Giroux, Crystal Marschner, Pauline Therriault, Krystina Dubrule

1. Welcome: Karen Benoit,
2. Review of the Agenda  
Casey Rochon approved agenda as amended.
3. Approval of previous minutes  
Alex Brochu approved minutes as amended.  
Add Jackie Cuthbertson and Carolyn Giroux to attendance.
4. Financial Reports-GPV and Routhier  
Nov. 2017 \$ 881.40 GPV, no report from Routhier.
5. School Reports
  - a. Routhier Principal Reports/What's new

Principal's report was opened with a discussion on assignable time; how it impacts field trips, classroom time, and teachers' choices for curriculum appropriate field trips. Question was asked of Administration, as to how parents can help administration free up assignable hours for teachers and potential open up opportunities that have been changed or lost due to assignable hour restrictions. Discussion was held which lead all interested parties to be open to change and respecting that administration has limitations within their assignable hour mandate. But that the interests of all students are considered equally important during all administration decisions. Discussion lead to a motion to bring forth a resolution at the ASCA conference. Karen will draft a resolution outlining our council's concerns for rural children limited by assignable times.

HPSD will be moving to digital report cards. Parents will have the option of opting for a paper copy. Report cards will come as a PDF email and parents will be able to open and print their children's report cards. Melissa was asked on behalf of the Digital committee to poll the meeting and see the level of support for the digital report cards- poll showed 94% support for the Digital report card. Council was also asked for suggestions as to how, to notify parents of transitions to digital report cards. Suggestions were: Newsletter reminder, Facebook, webpage, sign at entrance of school, info package- opt in or opt-out option where parents must confirm choice.

Hot Lunch- Krystina Dubrule will look after Hot Lunch.

Discussion was held as to what the Healthy Lunch program is. Diane explained that the Healthy Lunch program is there to ensure all students are fed a healthy lunch. It is open to all students. Parent question; Is it filling a need? Diane, YES! It is feeding children who wouldn't necessarily have a lunch to eat but also exposing students to different healthy food options.

- Two week skating program (Nov 27 - Dec 11)- Grades 1-3
- Two week curling program (Nov 27 - Dec 11) - Grades 4-6
- Coins for Change - students raised \$694.84
- Dec 5 - Grade 6 go to the Career fair
- Dec 6 - 20 - ECS - Grade 3 Classes visit the public library
- Dec 12 - English Christmas Concert
- Dec 13 - French Christmas concert
- Dec 19 - Christmas Mass for Religion students
- Dec 21 - Christmas Activities led by Student Government; Movie in afternoon

January - Grade 5 students work with Katrina Jolie on "All About Me" focused on careers

Field Trips divided as follows:

Grade 6 – Edmonton Field Trips

Grade 5 – Grande Prairie Museum & Skiing

Grade 4 – Christie's Greenhouse (extra trip)

Progress reporting for all grades for next year

\*\* Students versus Parent Soccer game March- Routhier parents starting exercising???\*\*\*

b. GPV Principal Reports/What's new

- Divisional student leadership committee:
  - Student who attended commentated on how proud he was of GPV and the diversity of school population. Pride in the culture and heritage of the school body.
  - Trips: Discussion was held in regard to the Quebec trip and an explanation was provided as to why it is not open to the entire student body. This trip is seen as an incentive for students who stay in the French program and as a way for students to embrace the French cultural component of their program. Trips alternate so students have the opportunity to participate in trips through out their High School years. English and French students both have access to International trip. Band students also undertake trips relative to their program.
- Diploma Exams- very cold
- Midterm and Finals - Jan 21-26



- Scheduled tutorials for both junior and senior high students before exams
- Last day of high school classes - Jan 23
- High School Redesign
  - a. Working with schedules
  - b. Electronic Reporting
  - c. Flexible schedules
  - d. Testimonials from students about personalization
- Junior High Basketball - league games, and tournament Jan 26, 27 in High Prairie
- Senior High Basketball - tournament in Spirit River Jan 20, 21

c. Trustee Reports

Karin:

- \* School year calendar: the 2018/19 and 2019/20 school year calendar surveys are currently on the website until January 31/18. All are welcome and encouraged to respond.
- \* The new Fair Family Friendly Labour Law: came into effect January 1/18. This may result in some changes to break times, supervision schedules in order to accommodate the new requirements.
- \* MLA meeting: On November 16/17, we met with Ministers Marg McQuaig-Boyd and Danielle Larrivee at the Legislature. We discussed transportation, student mental health needs, our need for a new high school in High Prairie, full-time Kindergarten and our capital plan, which includes a right-sizing of GPV school.
- \* Reports to the Board: half the schools have presented their 3 year education plan to the Board and the rest will do so at tomorrow's Board meeting
- \* School visits: As per our year's plan, the Board has visited 4 division schools so far, with plan to do the rest in January and March.
- \* District Student Council: December 18/17 was our first District Student Council meeting. Student representatives from our schools across the division participated and shared their perspectives on school strengths and some barriers to student success. They have proposed to meet 3 times this year and a few reps from the council will be chosen to attend a provincial meeting in June
- \* We are in the process of hiring a new Safety Officer. We should hear official word anytime now.
- \* Diploma exams and bus cancellations: So far, 2 diploma exam days fell on days the division's buses couldn't run. All students who could not attend their exam have an option to appeal to Alberta Education for an exemption or an April re-write.
- \* Northern Lakes College announcement: Media release, January 11/18, NLC announced their official intent to build their new HP campus college next to High Prairie Elementary. There will be a public information session January 31/18 from 3-8pm where everyone can come to check out conceptual drawings and have any questions answered. This building will benefit our high school students in being able to earn college credits through programs like dual credits, and our local students would have access to a wider range of post-secondary opportunities closer to home.

6. Old Business

- a) Literacy night for Routhier- Karen Benoit will help by providing students trying to accumulate Legacy hours. Will work with Diane if the interest is there. March/April 2018
- b)

7. New Business

- a. School calendar surveys 2018-2019.  
Please check out the survey must be completed by Jan.31 ,2018
- b. School council goals-  
We will move this to the next Meeting.
- c. ASCA conference April 20-22, 2018  
Anyone want to go???  
Karen plans to attend and will bring forward resolution on behalf of our council regarding effects of Assignable time for rural students.
- d. GPVEF Casino May- Grad weekend. Karen suggests that schools work together to provide workers. If Routhier parents/volunteers could help in May then GPV could help them when the time comes for their casino. Karen will also make a phone call and enquire about a different date.
- e. Routhier Grade 6 Skiing Trip  
Discussed during Routhier School report.  
Parents request more information be made available explaining field trips and school activities choices. Suggestion that information be made available explaining the impact of assignable hours on field trips and how assignable hours work. And the process behind how administration makes the decisions.
- f. Dare Program-  
Offered every 2 years'. Crystal Marshner, from FCSS provided insight and information on DARE and the role of FCSS with regards to DARE. FCSS helps to fund the DARE program and any parent initiatives to raise funds for the program should be discussed with FCSS. Program costs an estimated \$ 4000.00 to run. Diane will contact RCMP to see if it is something that can be offered every year. Question was raised as to whether parents or community could do something to raise funds to support program and maybe bring the program to our schools annually.

8. Next meeting:

February 13, 2018 Routhier, 7pm Learning Commons.

9. Adjournment 8:53 pm