

## **Georges P. Vanier/ Routhier School Joint Council Meeting**

Zoom Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2021

**Attendance:** Carolyn Giroux: VP GP Vanier, Monique Dubrule: VP Routhier, Pam Heckbert: Principal GP Vanier, Diane Benoit: Principal Routhier, Tara Lea, Stephanie Staudinger, Angela Carley, Casey Dechief, Leslie Carbone, Cheryl Lonsdale, Karin Scholl, Lynn Skrepnek, Alyssa Pollard, Heather O'Neil, Denis Rochon, Coletín Laboucan

1. Treaty Acknowledgement / Call to Order / Welcome & Introductions  
Alyssa called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.  
Tara read the treaty acknowledgement.
2. Review/Approval of Agenda  
Casey Dechief approved the agenda.
3. Review/Approval of September 7, 2021 Minutes and June 1, 2021  
Leslie Carbone approved the minutes.
4. Financial Reports: Unchanged.
  - a. Routhier -\$1056.28
  - b. Vanier – \$1332.40
5. Old Business:
  - a. None
6. School Reports:
  - a. Routhier Principal Report: What's new at Routhier

~Grade 6 students took part in the election process and the results were:

Darryl Boisson — People's Party of Canada = 1

Colin Krieger — Maverick Party = 1

Jordan Francis MacDougall — Green Party of Canada = 4

Leslie Penny — Liberal Party of Canada = 4

Gail Ungstad — New Democratic Party = 0

Arnold Viersen — Conservative Party of Canada = 13

Total number of valid votes = 23

Total number of rejected ballots = 1

~We received the DELF certificates from last year. They were presented to the students. All students who took part in the exam were successful.

~We had the Terry Fox walk - Gr. 4,5,6 walked around town for an hour with a fire truck escort. Gr. 1,2,3 walked around the school yard for 20-30 min. The committee set a goal to raise \$500 and were able to surpass their goal and raised over \$1239.55. Students were encouraged to wear the color red and identify an individual that they were walking for. Student's watched a video and learned about Terry Fox and his message of hope.

~We had numerous activities planned throughout the week for orange shirt day. Students read many different stories, created artwork and wrote messages of love to residential survivors. The flag was lowered to half mass to show support and recognition of the children who never came home from residential schools. Students were encouraged to wear the color orange on the 30th to show support and awareness.

~Students were chosen to take part in our school recycling program and fruit bins. Students had to apply for the position and were interviewed individually in order to get the job.

~Students were chosen to help create our school's radio advertisement this month. Each month different students will be asked to read the radio announcements for our school.

~Our school has been randomly chosen to fulfill an OHS audit of Covid protocols. We will be answering questions while walking through the routines and procedures that have been put in place to limit the spread of covid in our school.

~School picture day will be on the 13th.

~We would like to welcome Jenny Varaat as a puff EA for play school.

~We are still looking to hire a cook, but have not been successful in finding a candidate for the job.

~We are starting this month with our CRM meetings. This is a new system to the division the Collaborative Response is a school framework that values collaborative, action focused responses, data-informed discussions, and timely support to ensure all students can experience success.

~We have Miss Jessie Johnson that comes in every second Thursday to see students. She is our divisional counselling consultant. She works very closely with Ms Tracey.

~We have Land based learning activities planned for Oct. with Miss Connie. Some students will be going to O'Mahony Conservation Area.

b. GPV Principal Report

**Sept Highlights-Student Perspective-Coletti will report**

- Sept 8-Picture Day
- Sept 15-Candidates Forum: had 5 candidates talk about their platforms; Liberal, Conservative, NDP, Maverick and PPC
- Truth and Reconciliation Week-(Sept 25-Oct 1)-Our week consisted of
  - examining sections of the 94 calls to actions
  - studied "The Secret Path" by Gord Downy,
  - we spent some time viewing informational videos and giving space for conversions to follow
- Orange Shirt Day Awareness-Sept 30
- We brought the student body out to walk 2 laps in Donnelly as a sign of unity and Remembrance and support on Sept 30
- Feather activity-students decorated a paper feather to represent either their identity and/or their perspective on Reconciliation. These feather will be used to create a set of wings on a bulletin board titled "Soaring toward Reconciliation"
- Volleyball-
  - All levels are involved in a regional league that gets kids competing at least once per week (Fairview, Manning, Peace River, Grimshaw, Donnelly, Falher)
  - Tournaments are being attended, to date: Peace River, Whitecourt, Sexsmith
- Cross Country Running is going twice per week.
- Golf has wrapped up-Students attended 2 meets;
  - Seniors in Grande Prairie and
  - Juniors in Fairview.

**GPV-In the Background highlights-Pam or Carolyn**

- Sept 26th/27th GPV EF - Casino in GP
- Mipi-Math standard exams-are wrapping up for grades 7-10
- EduBest-reading & comprehension standards-grade 10s currently in english have completed and Jr High is in progress
- Routhier/Vanier Collaborative Theme Days-discussion and planning is in progress-Finalizing the video to share with Routhier.
- Collaborative Response Model-we meet regularly for targeted intervention
- New Tech in the classrooms are being used-Gizmos

**Wellness-Pam/Carolyn**

- PACE-Community Support, Sexual Assault and Trauma Centre spoke to all grades on the topics of : Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment.

## **Day 1**

- Define sexual abuse, assault, and harassment
- Discuss that sexual violence is never the victim's fault
- Brainstorm what to do if someone experienced sexual violence and how to help a friend whose experienced it. Also reinforce the importance of telling an adult

## **Day 2**

- Covered sexting
  - Brainstorm how to cope with having experienced sexual violence
- Talk about consent (Asking for a "yes") and debunk the myths surrounding sexual violence.
- Discuss indicators of healthy and unhealthy relationships
  - Cover issues with Pornography in society
  - Discuss why people sexually offend, including unhealthy ideas of masculinity, women, and sex.
  - What individuals and society can do to help reduce or eliminate sexual violence in our communities.
- Nutrition Program is up and running with Ms. Chelsea and Mrs. Colter overseeing-We are collaborating with Jr. High Wellness classes for preparing and planning.
- It is a huge success-nearly every student is taking advantage on a daily basis
  - They are currently discussing ways to make the program more environmentally friendly and sustainable.
- Gay Straight Alliance-is meeting weekly and working on some education pieces to put around the school

## **Upcoming Events-Coletín**

HLAT-Highest level of Achievement tests- Grades 7-11 and collaborative marking

Awards Week of Oct 4-7

Volleyball: Bezanson, Fairview,

-Terry Fox Activities-Oct 5

- Students are doing a class vs class challenge-goal is \$458
  - Each class that achieves their goal earns a hat day for the school
  - Baseball will be taking place throughout the day. EMS have been invited to compete.
- Halloween Dress up and Activity

### **c. Trustee Report**

Karin and Lynn put names in again and were acclaimed again for ward 1, ward 2 is High Prairie and election will be October 18<sup>th</sup>, ward 3 – acclaimed, ward 4 –both trustees decided not to run and a new trustee plus previous trustee were acclaimed.

Karin: a lot of concerns about mandatory vaccine of students in schools. We cannot mandate that as it stands now. We cannot deny our students education. By November 30<sup>th</sup> all Alberta public service employees are mandatory vaccine, teachers do not fall under this. Expecting something

to come in the future with regards to teachers. Recommendation for policy adoption. All voices are heard.

7. New Business

- a. Touch on webinar from the email, World teacher day tomorrow. Options for online learning. By January 15<sup>th</sup> we can bring any concerns to ASCA.

8. Next Meeting/Adjournment: Adjournment at 8:02.

Next meeting November 1, 2021 at 7:30.