

Joint Council meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015

In attendance: Carmen Labrecque, Doreen Nolette, Jackie Cuthbertson, Tara Lea, Nancy Roussel, Louise Reid, Annette Ouellette, Lynn Skrepnek, Melissa Portelance, Tammy Langelier, Doreen Horvath, Chantal L'abbe, Alexandra Brochu, Natalie Lepage, Karen Benoit, Robert Owens, Murray Murran, Pamela Heckbert.

1. Meeting called to order at 7pm.
2. Additions and approval to agenda: Additions change 4a) to HPSD Fundraising Procedure presented at COSC(Murray Murran presenter). 4b) changed to Presentation by Mr. Owens. Followed by 4C) Review of Terry Fox Run, followed by 4d) Time and date of future meetings. Additions of agenda approved by Doreen Nolette
3. Amendments and approval of previous minutes. Minutes approved by Annette Ouellette.
4. Business arising from previous minutes.
A) HPSD Fundraising procedure overview that was presented at COSC was presented by Mr. Murran to those present at joint council. Mr. Murran discussed the differences between School fees/budget funds and School generated funds.
School Fees/Budget funds are for basic school day to day operations.
School generated funds are funds raised outside of school budget to provide extracurricular (basketball, YoWoCHAS, student unions, travel studies, grad ceremony cost)

Mr. Murran discussed that when we fundraise money we should do so through a school bank account and follow the school board policy. This way the accounts are audited and reported, monies can be carried forward but guidelines would apply.

School boards have a reported amount of money in parent group accounts that are unused and these accounts haven't been audited which can leave these groups at risk of liability. These groups don't include the RFES and GPVEF casino accounts since these are regulated by the society act and AGLC.

The procedure can be viewed on our school website.

B) Mr. Owens presented last year's accountability survey. Some areas in need of slight improvement were identified and goals set to improve these areas. One of the areas identified that students may see a direct change is the implementation of the student mentorship program that will have 16 grade 12 students mentor other kids of various ages(about 15 students selected) to be guided at assemblies and other activities that promote leadership skill development.

C) Review of Terry Fox Run held in Girouxville on Sept 30. Concerns were brought forward to council regarding safety and communication arising from the events of the activity. Jr high and Sr high did very good on there walk outlined on the route leading to town. Concerns were in regards to safety at the end of the day since some kids were dropped early from their school bus route and dropped off in different areas than done on regular days. Parents weren't notified of these changes.

Action to resolve issue: Have all children board busses from the event and bring back to school and dismissed at regular time and on regular school bus route.

School council recommended that communication would be very important to have parents involved in planning of event, since some of the parents from council that agreed to help with event were not contacted. Action for parents to be more involved in planning next year.

Another concern that was mentioned involved cake being served following the walk. There wasn't an option for those with allergy or diet restrictions. Action: have fruit or vegetables also at events, and to take into consideration dietary allergies and restrictions when planning.

D) Discussion regarding changing meeting nights to another night from Tuesdays to increase attendance. According to those present the majority agreed to continue to have Tuesday night meetings.

5. New Business

A) Volunteer Survey results- good reception and a list has been compiled and distributed between both schools.

B) COSC meeting overview from last week: good sessions presented such as Celebrate a School council and School council purpose. Info on these will be posted with the minutes on the website.

6. Treasurer's report

A) Vanier: 431.10 with \$150 deposit yet to be shown on statement. Current total \$581.40
Routhier report tabled to next meeting.

7. What's new at vanier: Many activities planned, they are all posted on the website. Eva Olsen presentation was well attended in the afternoon of October 16.

8. What's new at routhier: Ms. Portelance delivered the accountability survey. Very good reports received. Mr. McCarthy has resigned as principal and Mrs. Diane Benoit will be returning to routhier as principal. The Eva Olsen evening presentation was well attended with approximately 200 people. Many events happening and are posted on website. New teaching positions 1 full time and one 60% teacher to support 22 students.

9. Trustees report

Bus situation update from previous minutes in regards to parent notification of student pick up times at commencement of school year: Lynn clarified that there were phone issues at the bus shop although it was up to the bus drivers to contact the parents on their route.

COSC also attended by trustees.

10. Correspondance

Alex received thank you cards from the trustees. Other correspondence will be posted on website.

11. Next meeting

Nov 24 at 7pm.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 9:05pm

