

Georges P. Vanier/ Routhier School Joint Council Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Monday, February 7, 2022

Attendance: Carolyn Giroux: VP GP Vanier, Monique Dubrule: VP Routhier, Pam Heckbert: Principal GP Vanier, Diane Benoit: Principal Routhier, Tara Lea, Stephanie Staudinger, Alyssa Pollard, Nicole Simard, Karin Scholl, Heather O'Neil, Ashley Morin, Leslie Carbone, Kristina Gilmer

1. Treaty Acknowledgement / Call to Order / Welcome & Introductions

Tara called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

2. Review / Additions / Approval of Agenda

Leslie to approve agenda.

3. Review/Approval of January 10, 2022 Minutes

Monique approve minutes of January meeting.

4. Financial Reports: Routhier: 1206.28, Vanier: 1482.40 +\$500 grant to each account = Balance now Routhier 1706.28 and Vanier 1832.40.

5. Old Business: None

6. School Reports:

a. Routhier Principal Report

What's new at Routhier...

- Yoga for div. 2 with Mme. Turcotte
- GSA meetings held with Mr. Henri and Mme. Turcotte continue and are optional for Div. 2 students
- Cree classes with Dr. Kevin Lewis for anyone who is interested. Zoom links can be found on our school and divisional websites. Feb. 1st 7-8pm was the first night. Every Tuesday evening for the next month.
- Dr. Kevin Lewis delivered PD to teachers Jan. 31st.
- Formal Day joint school theme day Feb. 25th.
- Pink shirt day Feb. 23rd - standing together against bullying.
- Radio announcements each month can be heard on River Country (94.9 FM), KIX FM (106.1 FM) radio stations or you can find the link on the school website.
- Teacher's convention is Feb. 9 and 10. Feb. 8 staff will be completing their first aid training. We are very thankful to have a majority of the staff trained in first aid.

- Dictee PGL has kicked off in some classrooms and the writing component will take place feb. 4th. This project seeks to raise young people's awareness of the world's most pressing issues (international cooperation, respect and solidarity, environmental protection...) and to enhance their use and fluency of the French language. They include: • Vocabulary words which will be featured in the texts, and further developed and reinvested in the project's exercises and dictations; • Various texts on subjects related to the theme of the project's current edition; • Activities that help the student discover, understand and apply concepts related to the theme, as well as vocabulary words associated with it.
- We are continuing with our collaborative response meetings.
- Our grade 6 french class were sent home for at home learning for a period of time. This provided the entire class with equal opportunity to engage in classroom activities, teachings and support.
- All teachers have now experienced a blended learning scenario in their classrooms. This is where they are teaching students in their classrooms as well as a portion of their students at home. We have provided all teachers with 30 minutes in their day to engage, virtually, with students who are at home. This time is used to support, assess or teach key concepts to students.******Dependent on whether teacher is able to or is put sick**
- Little Caesars Fundraiser kicked off Jan. 28th and will end Feb. 17.
- Feb. 24th is the 100th day of school this year. Several classes use this as number focus for the day and days leading up to it.
- Ms. Jacklyn Nate is taking her maternity leave and we are welcoming Mrs. Kristen Blanchette to the gr. 5/6 E class part time. Ms. Devon Tracey will be filling in for the other half.
- Homework Room program provided by Rupertsland Institute for Métis students. This program offers Métis students safe drop-in online sessions with certified teachers to assist with homework and school assignments.

Tuesdays - Elementary (4-6pm), Wednesdays - Junior High/High School (4-6pm). You can find more information on the hpsd website.

- Rapid tests are available at the school. Parents wishing to have one sent home can call and request a box. We have enough for 2 boxes/student.
- Pediatric masks were sent to the school for students. Unfortunately, they only fit some kindergarten students.

b. GPV Principal Report

Jan Highlights

- JH Basketball attended a tournament in Peace River
- SH Basketball continues to practice however their games and tournaments have been unexpectedly cancelled
- Divisional Collaboration Meetings were ongoing after school for teachers, divided by subject areas.
- Robotics Club is running
- Collaborative Response Model-we continue to meet regularly for targeted intervention
- Other Clubs/Activities Running: GSA, Minecraft, Choir, Rockband, Art, Intramurals
- Van-Yay in Jan went to Dani Cloutier in 9F.
- Diploma Exams were cancelled by the Minister of Education. In class Final Exams went ahead.

- JH midterms were replaced with instructional time to move forward due to the missed days.
- Jan 11-We had our Virtual Report to the Board at 1:00.
- Jan 16-Bottles for Basketball took place throughout the Smoky River Region
- Jan 20-Joint Theme Day-Sport Shirt or Jersey Day (please encourage businesses and organisations to take part. Tag our schools in a photo of your business/ organization-It was a bus cancellation day unfortunately. However on our Facebook page, Falher Registries participated in Jersey Day
- Jan 31-E.A.'s attended a Virtual PD opportunities in a variety of sessions being offered throughout the day.
- Teachers can offer a blended learning option for students who are home sick-if the teacher is available to do so.
- Cree Classes have begun on Tuesday evenings.
- Sausage and Peorgy fundraiser has wrapped up for sport teams

From the office of the Career Coach (Katie Ellwood)

- Second Semester Registrations were done
- GPRC (now Northwest Polytechnic) delivered a virtual presentation to the grade 9 students. They discussed big picture perspectives to help students find a path that is right for them, the value of an education, and what options exist after high school.
- Throughout the month of February there will be additional post secondary presentations offered virtually in Sr High classes (JRF, NAIT, Portage, Olds, and U of A)

Wellness

- Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)-is meeting weekly and working on some education pieces to put around the school
- Mr. Colin Collet has transitioned into the counselor's role for onsite support of students.
- Thank you to our community partners IGA and Coop for helping us with the Breakfast club.
- 1:1 Wellness services have been utilised, Miss. Chelsea is focusing on relationships with new students to our school and continuing to build on the existing ones.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 7-9-Teacher Appreciation Week
- Feb 10-11-Teachers Convention
- Feb 14-Valentines Day-Heart Day
- Feb 14-18-Candygrams-on sale for \$0.50
- Feb 18/19-Hosting SH Boys Bball Tournament
- Feb 23-Pink Shirt Day
- Random Acts of Kindness week-Feb 22-25
- Feb 25-100th day of school of school
- Feb 25-Formal Day with Routhier and community members

-Skills Canada Registrations are open-(promotion of careers in technology and skilled trades)

c. Trustee Report

Received rapid tests and medical grade masks. Running into many positive covid tests and covid symptoms now. Teachers and staff need to be commended for putting the kids first and doing what needs to be done for the best of the students. At next meeting will be discussing economic development and sustainability of rural areas and other concerns such as mental health and in small communities. We struggle to get the appropriate professionals here. School council survey was a success. Regular board meeting will be February 15th at 1pm. Will be live on youtube cancel at 1:45 and will be recorded so you can go back and watch as well.

7. New Business

a. ASCA Conference and AGM –Now the meeting will be by zoom only and not in person. Last year it did work well, hopeful for this year. We can send 2 people from each council. We will take names if anyone is interested and HPSD will pay the registration for the conference on April 22 and 23rd, and AGM April 24th. Anyone who is interested please let us know. Schedule, speakers and program and resolutions have not been released yet. We will look at the resolutions once posted.

b. COVID Re-entry for Public Schools –Kristina: Huge thanks to the school system for doing what they are right now. As a parent I felt left in the dark. Important to test with symptoms. When it is coming to emails, I am finding there is a big gap –notified February 2 that my daughter was a contact of covid on January 28th. Wondering if there is something we can do to help us be more aware of this. Blended learning –what a great idea. Having that information readily available would be great. Just some ideas that I had and wondering thoughts from other parents.

Diane –contact tracing is completed through HPSD. We are notified as soon as possible but sometimes there is a 4-5 day delay. In the teacher newsletters we are sure to put in there that we appreciate you letting us know. Then we can reach out and find out what the kids are able to do and how we can support them. The e-learning is through the government –can look into.

c. School Council Engagement Grant –Tara –on December agenda as well. Now more information. Received \$500 for each school division. The money has to be spent before the end of the year. We have to make a motion at a meeting before we can spend it. There are restrictions about how we can spend it –on the website. Ex. Workshops. Anything that can allow parents to be more involved in the kids schooling. Any ideas? Nicole – Indigenous day in June – any elders we invite are generally paid – could this be on the list? Carolyn –help teach kids and parents how to appropriately use social media.

d. Webinar on online dangers –for tomorrow, will share link. Cyber Bullying. Wanted to bring it to everyone's attention. 6-7pm EST tomorrow February 8th, Free. Link in chat and on school webpage. ASCA has an event with a similar topic available the end of February/early March.

Upcoming events: Alberta education engagement sessions –curriculum sessions. Link on website. Wednesday Feb 9th work of school council session online. Fundraising session February 23rd. Also workshop on kids with sensory needs. March 2nd is the social media session.

8. Next Meeting/Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm. Next meeting March 2, 2022 at 7:30