

Joint School Council Meeting
Ecole Routhier and Ecole Georges P Vanier School

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 @7pm

Minutes

In attendance:

Jackie Cuthbertson, Cheryl Tardif, Aimee Andersen, Chantal L'abbe, Alexandra Brochu, Annette Ouellette, Bob Owens, Karin Scholl, Lynn Skrepnek, Doreen Nolette, Pam Heckbert, Melissa Portelance, Nigel McCarthy, Karen Benoit

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04pm
2. Additions to the agenda:
 - move survey results to #4a before elections of new executive.
 - move Treasurer's report to #6 a.
 - move 6c School council activities to 5c. Volunteer sign up sheet.
 - 6 B II) to discuss pizza day
 - 6 F RFES
 - School bus driver notifying parents for pick up times to be added to trustee report #10

Approval of Agenda: Annette Ouellette approved the agenda and Chantal L'abbe seconded.

3. Amendments to previous minutes, changes to Dion Guerette's name to Dione Guerette. Rephrasing of text from 4th bullet on page 2 " Next Wednesday, June 24, at both schools there will." Changed to "Next Wednesday, June 24, at both schools there will be a bus driver breakfast appreciation."
Minutes approved with changes by Cheryl Tardif and seconded by Jackie Cuthbertson.

4. A) School council handed out surveys to all Routhier families on June 19,2015. Survey was in regards to Joint council effectiveness(if we should continue with joint council or not), interest in having parents participate in council and their awareness of what council does. 11 surveys returned. Results shared with council tonight and moving forward with results that were received council would continue as joint. Council will continue to post meetings and minutes on school websites and facebook to attempt to attract parent participation to council and inform parents of what is discussed at council meetings. Concerns of meetings being too long was mentioned in survey and Cheryl Tardif commented that she has heard those comments. Council will attempt to set time limits to items on agenda. ASCA has a reference to this tool. Draw for Subway gift card made from those who completed the survey, winner Doreen Brulotte.

B) Elections:

Chair: Alexandra Brochu nominated by Jackie Cuthbertson for Chair. No other nominations. Alexandra accepted nomination and was acclaimed to position.

Vice Chair: Chantal L'abbe was nominated by Karen Benoit, Chantal tentatively accepted and would like to revisit election at next meeting.

Treasurer: Georges P Vanier: Annette Ouellette nominated by Chantal L'abbe, seconded by Jackie Cuthbertson. Annette accepted and acclaimed.

Routhier: Chantal nominated Aimee Andersen, seconded by Jackie Cuthbertson. Aimee accepted position.

Secretary: Karen Benoit nominated to be secretary by Annette Ouellette and seconded by Chantal L'abbe.

Directors/class reps: tabled til next meeting.

5. Business arising from previous minutes.

A) Roles of the class representatives tabled and will review current template that Routhier has for their class reps.

B) Terry Fox Run set for Sept 30, 2015. Will be done in Girouxville this year. Colette Turcotte, Terry Valiquette and Marion Lessard are attempting to organize a group to run from Falher to Girouxville on the back road (Terry mapped it out to be 8.9 km), group will be on a volunteer basis for the run between the towns. The rest of the students will walk around a set course in Girouxville and will welcome the runners at the finish line.

C) Volunteer Sign up sheet for school and school council activities for 2015-2016 year. Alexandra presented a form, Bob and Nigel will review form and add what activities are missing, include dates of activities (month only) and the school the activity pertains to. Bob and Nigel will forward the forms to Alex to compile if need be and they will distribute the forms to families from both schools.

6. New Business

A) Treasurer's reports: Vanier 431.40, Routhier 413.41

-Jackie Cuthbertson motioned to purchase 2 microwaves for Routhier to be used by students. Motion seconded by Chantal L'abbe.

II) Donation: Aimee Andersen discussed option of donating some money to a GPV family who recently experienced a house fire. Aimee also mentioned that the idea came to her prior to the Routhier fundraiser to help this same family. Council discussed the issue and decided it wasn't council's place to start donating to families in need.

B) Pizza Day: none in September. Aimee will organize for 2 in October, very challenging this year with all the PD days. Aimee recommended that we try using subway and offer subs to students on alternate months, she will look into prices and set up form. Council was in approval of attempting subway orders.

C) GPVEF procedure for suggested/recommended purchases. Alexandra wanted to clarify how a person submits a request for GPVEF purchases. Bob suggested that he be contacted with requests.

D) RFES update: Casino in Grande Prairie scheduled for Sat Jan 23, and Sun Jan 24 2016. They are looking for volunteers. They have asked for an extension of the monies they have in the bank, an informal approval was given, they are waiting for formal approval. RFES is planning to spend their monies on new sound system at Routhier. A meeting is tentative for Sept 16, 2015.

7. What's new at Routhier: Nigel updated on the successful fundraiser for the Castro family. They had the fire department involved and students were able to go on the trucks. Over \$3000 was raised for the family with their hot dog lunch. Nigel also working on thank you article regarding this fundraiser.

Tomorrow on Sept 9, students will participate in the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's award for longest serving monarch. Celebration taking place at the Bee park.

Nigel had meetings with the RCMP to discuss having them involved with the school.

Nigel is in the process of reviewing funding for the skating and swimming program to ensure it remains sustainable and affordable to all students.

8. What's new at Vanier: Bob explained the school day was increased by 4 minutes, instructional time was not reduced, the teaching cycle has been changed and it affects the time in which teachers spend teaching. He mentioned that the staff will be very limited with school presentations, they are looking at alternatives to limit how classes are affected by the presentations they do have so that the students aren't always missing the same classes.

School sports have started, high school Volleyball tournament this weekend.

Friday Oct 16, students will have a holocaust survivor come speak to the students and Routhier will host an evening presentation for the parents that night.

Sat Oct 3, GPVAnier has provided the venue for the Hospital staff to host a pancake breakfast for the castro family.

Bob mentioned that there was an increase to students days off for professional days and he encourages the importance of professional development for staff, they have tried in the past to add the time to the staffs days or provide during school hours but wasn't effective since staff were tired.

Bob will have AERR results for vanier students at next meeting.

9. Correspondence handouts given and Alexandra encouraged to review and participate in events. COSC meeting Oct 14, 2015 in Slave Lake at Michner Allan. Alexandra will confirm details and forward to council members interested in attending.
10. Trustee Report: One meeting held so far. Grand opening of the new HPSD bus garage and offices is October 16 from 3-6 pm. Education act on hold by current government. Governance professional development session given to board by Old's college board member.

-Concern was brought forward in regards to Bus drivers not notifying families when students getting on bus. Karin and Lynne explained that they were not at the bus drivers start up meeting therefore they can't comment on the situation but they will look into it. Bob made the comment that on Aug 31 there were phone problems at the school and nobody could reach the school for bus pick up times.

11. Next meeting Oct 20, 2015 7 pm at vanier. Will discuss to bump November meeting to Nov 24.

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.