

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

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Zoom Meeting 7pm

**Attendance:** Monique Dubrule: VP Routhier, Pam Heckbert: Principal GP Vanier, Diane Benoit: Principal Routhier, Tara Lea, Stephanie Staudinger, Lynn Skrepnek, Karin Scholl, Angela Carley, Laura Poloz, Leslie Carbone, Pauline Therriault, Wendy Tokarz

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

Call to order at 7:07pm

Treaty Acknowledgement

Introductions, welcome everyone

2. Review/ Approval of Agenda

Agenda –add meeting dates, approval motion by Tara, second by Stephanie.

3. Review Approval of June 1, 2021 Meeting

Postponed until next meeting, unavailable today.

4. Financial Reports

a. Routhier -\$1056.28

b. Vanier – \$1332.40

5. Old Business

None

6. School Reports

a. Routhier

What's new at Routhier!

- Start up was Aug. 30th.
- Would like to welcome Julie Pele, Meagan Aubin and Cheryl Reed to the Routhier team.
- The play school is now in the building.
- Meet the teacher nights this month (virtual)
  - 20th - ECS, Mat, 4E and 4/5F.
  - 21st - 1E, 1F, 2/3F and 3E
  - 22nd - 5/6E and 6F

-Student vote Sept. 20th

- PD day on the 24th.
- Theme days will be joint with GPV with a mentorship/leadership focus to include community involvement.
- Terry Fox is on the 29th
- Orange Shirt day on the 30th.

- New Changes to handbook re-entry plan - masks (k-12) and social distancing.
- Wellness Report: Building routine and relationships with students. Connecting with new students and providing any support that is needed.

b. Vanier

GPV -Aug/Sept 2021 Report

Aug/Sept Highlights

- Staff were in from Aug 24-27 before students to work hard on this year's vision at Vanier: Opportunity, Community, and Achievement. Also worked hard on our collaborative response model which is a framework in which faculty and community work together to provide support where it is needed most. Faculty at Vanier meet every two weeks to discuss targets and goals and what the best way is to help our students achieve those targets be they academic, social, etc.
- Two New Teachers: Kit Zachary and Chase John, Two new EA's: Melissa Meunier and Cory Cardinal
- EA's participated in Non-Violence Crisis Intervention on Aug 24
- NTO-Aug 25
- Teachers in Grade 7,8 and 9 took place in My Blueprint Training
- Divisional Collaboration took place during the afternoon of Aug 27
- Staggered Start: Monday Aug 30: Grades 7,10,12, Tuesday Aug 31, Grades 8, 9, 11, Wed Sept 1-all students.
- Cafe Vanier is up and running
- Volleyball has begun; Junior and Senior High
- Cross Country Running has begun
- HPSD is mandating masks K-12 in common spaces, effective Sept 8.

Wellness:

- Divisional Councillor-Jesse Johnson will be at Vanier approx one half day per week
- Breakfast Program began today-incorporating junior students during Wellness to help with prep and organization-program will be able to run all year due to additional grants-Thank you Chelsea Hausler
- Wellness Period offered 2 times in the 6 day cycle for all junior high-focus is to create and strengthen kids coping skills/regulation skills/emotional intelligence using their classroom teacher with the support of the Wellness Coach
- GSA started today at lunch-we have four staff advisors and had 8 students
- PACE - preventing sexual violence in youth : consent, sexting, texting, language, social media,

Upcoming events:

- Sept 8-Picture Day
- Pizza Friday's begin this week
- Routhier/Vanier Collaborative Theme Days-discussion and planning is in progress
- Terry Fox Activities

- Orange Shirt Day Awareness and Activity
- Truth and Reconciliation Awareness week
- Candidates Forum
- 26th,27th GPV EF - Casino

c. Trustees

Karin/Lynn –reminder again about municipal elections, nomination by September 20<sup>th</sup> and elections October 20<sup>th</sup>. September 30<sup>th</sup> –Federal holiday  
–honor the day in the schools while fulfilling the mandate in school.

7. New Business

a. Superintendent Address

**Laura Poloz:** ASCA lost some funding, now will have to charge for some workshops and some of the support we would have provided school councils will be less. However, each school council will receive \$500 –it can be used in anyway the council sees fit.

The goal is to help school councils to do some work that is an expectation. 1. Foundation statement, 2. Advise to board, 3. Annual education plan, 4. Budget requirements.

School councils are made up primarily of parents, teachers, principals, community representatives and trustees (non-voters).

What do school councils do? –bridge between school and community, consider stakeholders, and represent parent voice in school. Enhancing parent engagement in school –we can explore how to achieve this –possibly set activity to involve parents.

Community engagement –how to engage the community can be explored. Your school council holds a membership with ASCA –what this means is HPSD has paid for this years membership which means we can vote on the agenda and speak to agenda items. We can vote on members and pay a reduced fee at ASCA events. Many ASCA workshops, can attend up to 3.

AGM resolutions: if you want to put in advocacy resolution you can by the deadline. –Look at the ASCA website for details.

b. Alberta School Council Workshops

-Reviewed previously –reminder of workshops.

c. COVID Discussion

-Its changed now, masking update will be provided tomorrow. How are parents feeling..? Consent forms for vaccine in age 12 and up will be sent home for students to get the vaccine in school.

-Numbers are increasing, hope these measures will help.

d. Elections

- Tara will remain as co-chair
  - Alyssa will remain as co-chair
  - Stephanie will remain as secretary
- Motion by acclamation to keep current executive.

Class reps are needed –teachers sent out note to parents.  
Leslie has been a class rep for 2 years now and wondering what she can do?  
–Talk with other parents, provide input on policies, anything that needs to be reviewed and discussed, benefits from having parent (class rep) involvement. Give feedback to school. Attend field trips –when they start up again.

8. Next Meeting/ Adjournment at 8:05pm, next meeting Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Plan for future meetings the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Will start January 10<sup>th</sup> in the new year.