

Minutes of École Routhier & Georges P. Vanier School Joint Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Zoom Meeting 7pm

Attendance: Carolyn Giroux, Leslie Carbone, Monique Dubrule, Pam Heckbert, Pauline Therriault, Stephanie Staudinger, Alyssa Pollard, Diane Benoit, Nichole Simard, Taryn Aucoin, Kelsie Fournier and Tara Lea.

1. Welcome/ Call to Order

Tara Lea called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. Review/ Approval of Agenda

No items were added to the agenda. Nicole Simard moved to accept the agenda as presented.

3. Review & Approval of November 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The November 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Nicole Simard moved to accept the minutes as presented.

4. Financial Reports

- a. Routhier - \$1056.28
- b. Vanier - \$1332.40

5. School Reports

- a. Routhier – What’s New at Routhier

November:

- Virtual PTIs the 17th and 19th
- For Metis week gr. 4,5 and 6s go to watch the process to smoke fish and taste it.
- Metis dot art with the gr. 2s
- Sash making with the gr. 2s
- Jigging with Kindergarten
- 25 - Gr. 6s did tipi building as a land based learning activity
- 26 - crazy hair day

December:

- 9th Report to the board
- Christmas Concert videos will be released the last week of school
- Door decorating activity –staff, theme song from the Christmas Carol
- 18th - pj day. Teachers will communicate what they are doing in their classes.
- 18th - lunch will be provided to all students
- 18th - Christmas Carol streamed through the Citadel Theater

-18th - Movie for gr. k-3

Wellness update:

- Girls and boys clubs have started.
- Focus on growth mindset for upper elementary
- Positive peer interaction during unstructured time

Tech update:

-All students have a device and do not have to share - this means that all students have access to a device throughout the day at school. Teachers are working everyday to prepare students to switch to online learning for the first week in January and/or if at any time we are mandated to go into scenario 3.

Teacher Support: Taryn Pelletier

- At the staff meeting suggestions were brought forward of ways parents can support teachers. Ideas are help with cutting, laminating, prepping class materials. Parents can email their child's teacher to offer support or to say Thanks and show appreciation.
- Taryn will post notice on school facebook page.

b. Vanier - GPV December 1, 2020-Report To School Council

November:

- Mentorship has plan leading up to the end of December (still finalizing logistics)
 - Bottles for FCSS**
 - Bottles will be accepted until Dec 11 (at Vanier (by appointment) and the Bottle Depot) (we will also collect them when people pick up their Poinsettia's scheduled for Dec 11)
 - Reverse Advent Calendar for FCSS**
 - Items will not be collected at the Smoky River FCSS office in Falher (Falher Town Office)
- Poinsettia Fundraiser was a success-Scheduled delivery date is Dec 11
- First Report Card was emailed out and PTI's happened via phone and zoom-successful
- Intramurals continued Cohorts (JH Gym alternates days between gr 7/8 and SH Gym 9/SH) to capacity.
- Board games and cards have been put in classes to offer a recreation to students during lunch (They will be rotated out weekly to reflect Covid policies)
- Art/Craft Club was open during lunch
- PLS-HHP -Chelsea and Sarah programming. Wellness Coach and Psychology Student providing mental health breaks to PLS/HHP as well as mental health and coping strategies programming to help students build a toolbox of regulation and coping skills to use in times of stress/conflict etc. -this will continue with online teaching
- Held our First Mentorship Meeting-Students were able to meet their groups-discuss upcoming events, play some icebreaker games.
- Mentorship planned and executed a week of theme days; western day, beach day, meme day and colours day.
- We have successfully completed 2 days of online schooling
- Chromebook/Tech distribution happened for online schooling-Thank you Wendy and Jacqueline
- Teachers spent the last 2 days together with students in classes ensuring students were prepared for online expectations (learning expectations and technology needs/expectations)-getting logged on to zoom-google meets, google classroom, etc...

- PD Day was spent creating learning continuity-Google Classroom and Zoom/Google Meets will be the delivery platforms
- handed out 117 chromebooks to students who needed devices for learning
- Diploma Exams are now optional-some students MUST write; students whose grade is not passing, students who need a diploma mark for program admission and/or students who wish to write to increase their grade. Otherwise a school awarded mark will be the final grade.
- 15 students to date have applied to post secondary
- Metis Week-Smoked Fish interactive Activity and Tipi Teachings-grade 7's

Extra Curricular:

- Run Club continued
- SH Volleyball is continuing to run 1 girls and 1 boys team
- JH Volleyball wrapped up on Nov 19
- SH basketball was just getting started.
- Cafe is running-new online order forms will be on the webpage under "Vanier Lunchbox"
- Pizza Friday's have continued
- Vanier accepts etransfers-the email is on the school website under "Vanier Lunchbox"

Upcoming events:

- FCSS Coins for Change-Bottle Drive
- Food Bank Fundraiser (Reverse Advent Calendar)
- Report to the Board on Dec 9
- Poinsettia pickup-Tentative Dec 11

Postponed/Cancelled Events:

- Door Decorating-Cancelled
- Christmas Dinner-Postponed/Cancelled
- Junior High Activity Day-cancelled
- Mentorship Advent Calendar-Postponed
- Staff PD-Dare to Care (Conflict Resolution/anti-bullying strategy)-postponed
- Staff PD-Trauma and Learning-Jessie Johnson-Postponed

a. Trustee Report.

- New restrictions in place for schools until January 11, 2021.
- Reports to the Board continuing: we are getting virtual tours of schools through our set of robots followed by a presentation and a Q&A
- LSO has moved to their new facility in Slave Lake (HPSD owned facility)
- Nov 16th – first AHL/in person learning transition
 - 80 back to in person
 - 20-30 in to AHL
- CJS – greeting card fundraiser – successful – perhaps an idea for west end schools?
- Jan 15/21 – ASCA Resolution submission deadline (see website for process/deadlines)
- GPV had a voting member – ERS was registered as non-voting (need to look at process and fix)
- A suggestion was given to have the career coach attend the school council meetings and fill us in on what they are doing and how they are supporting the students. Would maybe be good information for parents to know.

-SGF funds – school needs to provide as much info as possible when fundraising or collecting money. Information such as what the fundraising is for, how much money is required and what will be done with the remainder of the money, if any.

6. New Business

a. ASCA loss of funding –for information.

-Alberta School Council Association lost 75% of budget, down to \$150,000 funding.

-A question was asked –what support have they offered to our school council in the past? –support was offered for how to run a school council, meeting topics, seminars...maybe no general meeting this year.

b. Return to online schooling 7-12 –Discussion.

-Reliable Internet –suggestions are if having connection issues, turn off all other electronics in the house such as smart TV, cell phones, gaming system. A suggestion to have day time wifi password and evening password to free up the usage for online schooling.

-If student has trouble with internet teachers are available all day for support. Can call, email.

-As a last resort paper packages for students are available.

-Everything is posted to google classroom, students can access anytime.

-Telus as bump up internet option, I want Wireless is another option.

-Parents are encouraged to communicate any challenges and teachers will help trouble shoot and come up with solutions. Will work with families.

7. General Discussion

-Children in both schools –Is it an option to keep Routhier students home as well at this time? No that is not an option at this time. All students will have online learning from January 4-11. Teachers can not teach both online and in class at the same time. AHL is not an option at this time because next change is set for February.

-If a student in Routhier did stay home, that would be parent choice and teacher can support with information but they would not receive instruction.

-Moms pantry –early December, no date yet. Will social distance distribute, maybe Knights Hall in Falher (RFES fundraiser).

8. Next Meeting/ Adjournment

The next meeting will be Tuesday January 5, 2021 by Zoom at 7PM. Tara Lea adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.