

École Routhier / Georges P. Vanier Joint Council Meeting

Georges P. Vanier School & Zoom

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 @ 7PM

MINUTES

1. Treaty Acknowledgement

We acknowledge Treaty 8 territory; the ancestral and traditional territory of the Cree, Dene, and the Métis. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.

Attendance: Whitney Boisvert, Joanne Blanchette, Karen Scholl, Carolyn Giroux, Monique Dubrule, Tara Lea, Raeann Boivin, Bill Sheets

2. Call to Order

Tara called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

3. Welcome & Introductions

There was not quorum so there was a discussion between the attendees.

4. Review / Additions / Approval of Agenda

5. Review/Approval of March 11, 2025, minutes

6. Financial Reports:

- a. Routhier \$1196.79
- b. Vanier \$1633.71

7. Unfinished Business:

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8. School Reports:

- a. Routhier Report

- March 3rd- Parent communication sent home regarding AERR survey to parents via classroom weekly newsletters.
- March 4th- Staff Meeting
- March 4th- Literacy & Numeracy PD Meeting
- March 4th- Hand games practice with Elder Herman

- March 5th- LST PD @ LSC
- March 6th - Admin Association Meeting
- March 6th- SLP Kristen in at ERS
- March 6th- OT Jeanelle at ERS
- March 6th- Div 2 CTM Behavior
- March 7th- Hand games practices commence at noon recess
- March 7th- SLP Kristen in at ERS for session observations
- March 8th & 9th- RFES Casino
- March 10th- Chris Zarski Meeting with grade 4-6 teachers
- March 11th- EA Lead Coach Meeting @ LSC
- March 11th- Report Cards due into office
- March 11th- Div 1 & 2 CTM Behavior
- March 11th- ERS & GPV Joint School Council Meeting @ ERS
- March 11th- Grade 3 Land Based Learning Field Trip to Jousard
- March 12th- ECS & Maternelle Registration & Information Evening 7 pm @ ERS
- March 12th- Educational Assistant Advisory Meeting @ LSC
- March 13th- EA SIVA Training Day 2
- March 10th-14th- Sub Teacher Staff Appreciation Baskets - To recognize our Substitute teachers we have created specialized wellness baskets for our amazing sub teachers.
- March 10th- 14th- Parents contacted for AERR surveys by admin
- March 14th- Report Cards went home
- March 17th- Admin Meeting @ LSC
- March 18th- Safety Meeting Virtual
- March 18th- Parents Teacher Interviews 5-7pm Teachers met with parents and guardians.
- March 19th- Library Tech PD
- March 19th- Wellness Coach Away Wellness Day
- March 20th- Parents Teacher Interviews 5-7pm Teachers met with parents and guardians.
- March 20th- Special Olympics Try It Day- Special Olympics Ambassadors came to ERS and had a busy day engaging in tasks that promote awareness of Special Olympics and physical health. Grade 1-3 students spent the morning participating in activities. In the afternoon Grades 4-6 students had their turn to try new sports.
- March 20th- SLP Kristen in at ERS for PUF, PTI Meetings and observation sessions
- March 20th- OT Jeanelle at ERS for observation and PTI meetings
- March 20th- Brynn (DHH) at ERS
- March 21st- Monthly Assembly themed Neon Dress Up Day. Maternelle and 6 E classes performed. Students of the month and Dictée PGL announcements were made.
- March 21st- SLP Kristen in at ERS
- March 22nd- March 30th- Spring Break for students and staff.
- March 31st- PD Day for staff. No School for students.

Lunch Clubs

- Crib club on Mondays
- Hand games club and practice
- Tuesdays Grade 4 intramurals in the gym
- Wednesdays Grade 5 intramurals in the gym
- Thursdays Grade 6 intramurals in the gym

Wellness Corner

The following are classroom sessions this month:

March 5th - Gr 5E : Respect - getting practical examples of respect and talking through those, also making them aware of the advantages of respect in the long run.

March 6th - Gr 4 E : spot the difference - similar activity as with the Gr3's but more emphasis on leadership and encouragement around everyday practical celebrations.

March 10th - Mat : Fairness - through play, using real time practical examples of what fairness looks like.

March 11th - Gr 1 F : Emotions - practicing and sharing the correct emotions in certain situations.

March 13th - Gr 5 / 6 F : Language awareness - using the class to give examples of things that are appropriate to say vs not and how we can come together as a class to help each other encourage each other.

March 21st - Gr 1 / 2 E Fairness - through play, using real time practical examples of what fairness looks like.

b. GPV Report

March

3-5- Grad Photos

4- Math is Figureoutable PD in HP

5- Drama students performed in PR at the North Peace Performing Arts Festival, Universal Lunch-Make your own Pasta Salad, LST meeting in HP

6- Admin Meeting in HP, STEM Day

7- Ice Fishing at Winagami, Calendar Committee Meeting

10-13- Grade 9's away at YoWoChAs

11- School Council, Grades 7,8, and High School Bands performed at NPPAF, HS Band won a \$200 scholarship

12- E.A. Advisory Meeting, Universal Lunch-Build your own Caesar Salad, Concordia University Presentation grades 10/11, Hand games with Herman

13- Dog Sledding-Cancelled, Divisional STEM day at Kinuso

14- Grades 7-9-Skiing at Little Smoky, 10-12 Bison processing

18 - School Survivor starts-Mismatched shoes

19- Universal Lunch-Build your own Noodle Bowls

20- School survivor - Jersey day

20 – Deaf and Heard of Hearing consultant

21 - Special Olympics hosting a Unified Sports Try-it day for all gym classes

24-28- Spring Break

21-31-18 students and 3 staff away in Costa Rica for International Travel

Extra Curricular Activities:

Badminton is off and running for JH and SH

Announcements:

-Looking for some volunteers to help with our Nutrition Program 1/month-baking in the Foods Lab

- Youth Council for Reconciliation meets on Wednesdays at lunch
- Mentorship Meets on Tuesdays at lunch
- Daily Study Hall during lunch in Room 150
- HPSD Administrative Procedure 375-[REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY](#)

Office of the Career Coach/Dual Credit

- Our student taking Power Engineering went to Peace River to see the Steam Lab. Was a great experience and he is looking forward to continuing with Part B of the program next year.
- Many students are preparing for finals for their Dual Credit course

Career Coaches Office:

On Site Learning- On March 12th, a representative from Concordia University of Edmonton gave a presentation to our Grade 10 students. They discussed the different programs available at Concordia and reviewed campus life.

High School Course Selections are currently underway. The career coach has met with the grade 9's to assist them with course planning. Meetings with grade's 10 & 11 will be completed in mid April.

Office of the Wellness Coach

Student Support -1:1 meetings with students across all grades -Parent phone-calls - Assisting students to access divisional and community based services services
Programming -Mentorship weekly meetings (planning for valentines day, school wide survivor, easter activities) -Working with agriculture class on grant research/application -Working with Special Olympics Alberta to host a unified sports day at Vanier -Working with Smoky River Adult Learning to host Food Safety Course for SH students -Meetings with Health Promotion in High Prairie, collaborative planning for: SmartRisk Day (May 1st) where GPV will host AHS Public Health, RCMP, Recovery AB for grades 7-9 RISK Event (October 2025) which is a revamp of the PARTY program. Grades 9 and 10 will participate in a mock accident in High Prairie and have different activities/sessions throughout the day focused on harm reduction in relation to driving, substance use, etc.

Attended Wellness Days at High Prairie Elementary (21st) and C.J Schurter School (28th)

Staff -On-going meetings with admin/1st, teachers, support staff, and District office about student needs and supports as required. -Weekly clinical supervision with Director of Mental Health Services

Upcoming in April

- 1- Grad Photo retakes, deadline for baby pictures for Grad
- 4- Prairie River JH onsite for collaborative Band workshops with Grade 7/8
- 8- School Council [GPV HPSP](#)
- 10- Aster French presentation for 7F/8F
- 11- Report Cards go out via EdSembli

10-11- Skills Regionals Competition in Fairview (7 students participating in baking, welding, hairstyling, and robotics)
 11-14 HS Band trip to Edmonton-Jasper
 14-17- Universal Screens-HLAT (FLA/ELA) and SH PRT Screens
 15- Handgames in Kinuso
 16- Parent Teacher Interviews 5-8, Grade 10 orientation for grade 9 students
 22-24- RCAT 7-12 and Math 7-10-Universal screens
 22- Amber Havens onsite for HCS 3000
 25- HLAT collaborative Marking
 29- Admin Meeting in HP, Grade 9 Band festival in GP
 30- Grade 7 and 8 Bands festival in GP

c. Trustee Report

- We received a presentation from the Numeracy Coordinator, Hillary Hinds, regarding the Numeracy Framework. This new framework provides really clear guidelines to all teaching staff in how to incorporate numeracy in any subject they teach. Nine students will be taken to Edmonton to participate in a Math competition at Ross Sheppard High School on Apr 9, 2025.
- We received a presentation from [Monica Edwards](#), Career Coach Lead. She provided an update regarding the following:
 - 22 students enrolled in RAP
 - 7 students enrolled in the Green Certificate program
 - Campus tours: Olds college, Red Deer Polytechnic, NAIT - 60 students (fall)
 - Campus tours: U of A, MacEwan University, Kings University, Concordia University - 60 students - Teachers Convention
 - ELAA
 - SAIT Turning Points Program
 - Dual Credit Update: two new partnerships: Norquest College (intro to Rehabilitation) and Lethbridge Polytechnic (intro to Indigenous Studies, intro to Criminal Justice system)
 - Semester 1 - 47 of 48 completed successfully
 - Semester 2 - 20 students enrolled

Student High School Plans:

- Face to face
- Blended programming within HPSPD
- Online distance delivery
- Asynchronous, self-paced learning (CTS, safety courses)
- Summer school
- Dual Credit
- Off Campus education
- Extracurricular activities and training (lifeguard training etc.)

Opportunities for Exploration

Aviation program

Visiting the local fire hall

Regional skills competition

Job openings within hockey - exploring careers in the hockey industry

Applications to Post-Secondary to date seems low - %

Strategies to increase transitions rates:

Continue to provide opportunities to explore

Research and share statistics on the impact of taking gap year(s)

Educate students & parents on meaningful gap years - importance of a plan & timelines

Encourage students to work towards academic courses

Promote programs that have fewer academic prerequisites - stepping stones

Maintain dual credit offerings with teacher support

Priorities for 2025 - 2026 School Year:

Improve Grade 12 completion rates

RAP Position at High Prairie School Division

- Points to Celebrate

Registration is open for the 2025-26 school year - online registration.

Can also go into any school for help, if needed. (require birth certificate)

Summer School - Grade 9 students are able to enroll in Career Internship 10, CALM, HCS3000, HCS3010, AGR3000. For list of available courses, check out the website

AERR surveys for parents of grades 4,7,10 students

HP Round Dance March 29

- Playschool busing

Superintendent will bring forward to the Director of Transportation for a feasibility look and will bring information back for consideration for the next Board meeting.

Will depend on things such as space on buses, driver/route availability, etc

- CASA classroom update

Classroom for students to get the things they need in order to arm them with tools to eventually transfer back into the regular classroom

Classroom within the school

We are responsible for the classroom teacher, CASA helps provide all/most other resources

- Transportation Bridge Funding

- Walk distance changed from 2.4km for all to 1.0km (K-6) and 2.0km (7-12)

- Being proactive, HPSD procured more buses to accommodate
- Walk distances have again been reevaluated to 1.6km (K-6) and 2.0km (7-12)
- 1.0km to 1.6km students will no longer be eligible for funding
- This affects currently approximately 120-125 students
- Bridge funding would be about \$250,000.00 for HPSD but would bring considerably more than that in expenses. Not necessarily fiscal prudent or financially responsible
- Options, 1-take bridge funding for 1 year, 2-offer fee for service for 1.0-1.6km students at a fee-for-service or 3- cut bus transportation for 1.0-1.6km students.
- Board made a motion to apply for the 1 year bridge funding.
Defeated
- 2025 ASCA resolutions
 - P25-01 HPSD has concerns around this for our school division. Infrastructure costs, infrastructure options all across our division, many of our bus drivers keep their buses at home to ease (without charging stations) are some of the things we would need to consider.
 - P25-02 HPSD hesitates as it doesn't provide the ability to be funded on a contextual basis. What would the criteria be for Elementary specialists and would this make it near impossible for us to find appropriate candidates? Earmarked dollars make it difficult to meet requirements and to meet contextual needs.
 - P25-03 HPSD does not currently have the manpower to accommodate this list. Some of the items on this list is not actually public information, or we would have to really be careful how to answer as to not disclose too much information.
 - P25-04 HPSD believes that the more subjectivity is included in assessments, the less the results are accurate. These proposed changes lead to more subjectivity. We believe there is a place for standardized assessments. The province needs to function on "What is the standardized data?" and get snapshots of where Alberta students are in relation to the standards. Standardized tests/assessments are, by nature, equally distributed in order to set the norm references.
 - P25-05 HPSD has a policy to address online safety. We also have an AI/tech steering committee to help deal with some of this. We have working groups around some of these concerns, though they are not mandated to look exactly as this list suggests. Any mandatory instruction comes through the curriculum, therefore Alberta Education's. Student records are as carefully stored and maintained as possible and this is an ongoing effort we take seriously.

- School Calendar reviewed and approved the proposed comprehensive school calendar for the 25-26 school year. Majority of respondents voted to retain the Fall break in November for the next 3 years. We will still continue to survey our stakeholders on our calendar for placement of spring break, potentially Christmas break, choice between Monday vs Friday PD days, ½ day PD, etc. AB Ed has given us upcoming years diploma exams dates once again to help us plan ahead.
- Long stop arm pilot update - approximately 5 weeks in and what had approximately 2 flyby's/week on average to 0 since the installation.

9. New Business

- ASCA Upcoming AGM & Symposium Registrations – Deadline April 14
- 2025 ASCA Resolutions

The group discussed the resolutions

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10. Next Meeting/Adjournment

Tara adjourned the meeting at 8:35

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 7 PM at École Routhier School, Falher