

Joint Council Meeting

Ecole Routhier School & Ecole Georges P Vanier School

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 @7pm

Ecole Routhier

Members present: Alexandre Brochu, Doreen Nolette, Bob Owens, Pamela Heckbert, Diane Benoit, Annette Ouellette, Chantal L'abbe, Karen Benoit, Tara Lea, Jackie Cuthbertson, Carmen Labrecque, Terry Valiquette

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

2. Additions and approval of agenda

Add 4 c) update re: cancelled trip funds; 4d) update on school dance

Annette approved additions to agenda

3. Amendments and approval of previous minutes

Carmen approved previous minutes

4. Business arising from previous minutes:

A) Xmas DVD's-

Chantal had dvd's and will be distributed-\$472.50 cost of dvd's profit \$350.00 approximately

B) 1-Effective School Council Workshop update

2-Our school councils mandate/Goals

Terry feels that we should tie in routhier school's and Georges p vanier's mission statement to improve our mission statement.

Bob feels to add a specific goal to draw interest of other parents to join council.

Conversation re: focus of workshop- workshop to work on mission statement. Comment made regarding joint council and how to efficiently run the meeting. Other schools in division are joining councils.

C) Refunds from cancelled school trip to Europe:

Annette was wondering if there was any updates on the refunds. Bob said they are in the process of dealing with the insurance company and the organizer. They are looking at what to do with fundraised money and are looking at various ways to reimburse.

D) Routhier School Dance update held Jan 28, 2016.

RFES had a silent auction that raised \$1581.00. Dance was well attended. DJ's did very well

5. New Business

A) Legislation to creating learning environment that respect divers sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions.(brought forward by the Alberta Education minister)

-Alex read some of the literature involved with this legislation and the schools role in rolling out this learning environment.

Alex said that she asked the school board /committee what these changes will be. A press release was sent back stating that the committee is working on the policy but no implementation to date. Pam Heckbert added to the discussion, as a member on this

committee, she commented that many of the issues have individual needs relating with each student affected and need to be looked at individually. Anyone having any questions regarding this legislation may be directed to talk to Pam Heckbert.

B) Upcoming School Council Events

Routhier:

Arts and science fair moving into April. Date April 7(Thursday). Will need tables from vanier

March Substitute teacher appreciation week. March 16 –Lunch at Routhier and Supper at GPVanier for all staff and substitute teachers. Routhier Chantal and Jackie will help organize and contact parents to help. Georges P. Vanier Terry and Alex will organize for vanier.

Book fair in March volunteers needed

Skiing: Feb 25, March 23

Literacy night plans: Natalie Lepage will help organize the literacy night

GPV:

Science fair judges

Ski Trips:Monique Dubrule will call for volunteers

Band Trip festival March 10, 2016

JR/Sr high dance Friday March 18: Judith colter will ask for volunteers

6. What's new at vanier?

Basketball winding up: boys hopefully going to zones.

Kids survived diploma exams. My PASS kids needed to get registered on this site and need an email that is not associated with school because the school email is deleted when they graduate.

Career fair in falher on Tuesday: Vanier kids going

Curling zones, FNMI conference, Peace River Band Fest

Check website and calendar for all events.

7. What's new at Routhier?

New sound system installed,

Career fair in falher, Group photos march 15, Agrocorp sponsored another week of skating.

Skiing with certain groups, Swimming lesson planning with town starting,

March 4 Raising of Francophone flag, (French kids switched skiing to accommodate this activity).

Check news letter or website for all events.

8. Treasurer's report

GPVanier \$581.40

Routhier \$848.54.

Motion to pay Chantal L'abbe back for DVD's \$472.50. Motion seconded by Annette Ouellette.

9. Trustees Report

Press release from legislation discussed earlier.

10. Correspondance

Email forwarded to Alex regarding school photos from Jostens (Lifetouch) and they would like to be given another chance to provide service.

School council conference in April, if anyone would like to attend please refer to hand out, better to register.

Awards of recognition for school council: info on handout.

Webinars on line: Alberta school council association: registration on website.

11. Next meeting: Tuesday March 8, at GPVanier at 7.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm