

Georges P. Vanier/ Routhier School Joint Council Meeting

École Routhier School, Falher
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 @ 7PM

Attendance: Routhier Principal Monique Dubrule, Vanier Vice Principal Carolyn Giroux, Vanier Principal Bill Sheets, Tara Lea, Whitney Boisvert, Trustee Karen Scholl, Routhier teacher representative Jenny St. Jean, Shannon Soucy

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.

2. Call to Order

Tara called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

3. Welcome & Introductions

4. Review / Additions / Approval of Agenda

5. Review/Approval of December 10, 2024 minutes

6. Financial Reports:

a. Routhier: \$696.79 (including \$150 for HPSD expenses)

b. Vanier: \$1133.71 (including \$150 for HPSD expenses)

7. Unfinished Business:

a.

8. School Reports:

a. Routhier Report

December 2nd- Educational Psychologist at ERS

December 2nd- Chantelle Grey Indigenous Education Presentation Grades 2-5
 December 3rd- Staff Meeting
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 December 4th- LST meeting at LSC
 December 5th- Deaf Hard of Hearing Specialist Brynn at ERS
 December 6th- Staff Building Activity Christmas
 December 3rd- Numeracy Committee Meeting at LSC with teachers and LST
 December 9th- Christmas Themed School Activities Begin Decorate the school
 December 10th- Report to the board
 December 10th- Parent and School Council Meeting at GPV @ 7 pm
 December 10th- CTM Div 1 and 2 Behavior focus
 December 11th- Julia Drefs in meeting with VP Planning meeting vocabulary and FSL instruction
 December 12th- SLP Kristen in at ERS PUF and session observations
 December 12th- LST and vision consultant meeting
 December 12th- Jessie Johnson Meeting with ERS Admin, LST and Wellness coach
 December 13th- SLP Kristen in at ERS session observations
 December 13th- Dogsledding Day GPV- will be rescheduled
 December 13th- Christmas themed activity- decorate the gym
 December 17th- Safety Meeting Virtual
 December 17th- English Christmas Concert 7 pm
 December 18th- French Christmas Concert 7 pm
 December 20th- PJ Dress up Day
 December 20th- Winter Activity morning stations and Movie afternoon
 December 21st- January 5th- Winter Break
 January 6th- Classes Resume
 January 6th- Madeline Struthers maternity leave commences. Mme. Dubrule, Ms. B and Mrs. Zdeb will be covering the 6E position internally.

Numeracy and Literacy Interventions are well underway

- o LLI- Leveled Literacy Interventions Round 2 will begin in January
- o Boost Literacy Interventions Round 3
- o Numeracy Interventions
- o Specific classroom teacher interventions in the form of guided reading are taking place as well.

Wellness corner

- Gr 5/6 F debate, joined in the Gr 5/6F for debate class where I judged the winner based on teamwork and good argument strategy. The winning team got to spend a block with Mr. Rob playing some gaga ball.
- Div 2 spot prizes : to keep motivation going during a busy December I offered to take a class for a block to play gaga ball. All they had to do was their job in class and adhered to class rules and expectations.
- December 10th & 11th PD- Attend a 2 day training on Indigenous mentorship program

- Online Motor skills development sessions ongoing
- Grade 6 Leadership Bulletin Board Initiative Christmas bulletin board, Gr6 also dressed up as little elves and had all the Div 1 kiddos write letters to Santa, they put it in the mailbox right next to the bulletin board.
- Grade 4/5 Chess Club Mondays
- Ongoing one on one support work
- Intramurals throughout the year.
 - o Grade 4 Tuesdays
 - o Grade 5 Wednesdays
 - o Grade 6 Thursdays

Wellness & Meals

We are pleased to announce that Vicky Vicky has joined our Routhier Team as our school cook.

His first day was January 6th, with the first menus going out January 8th.

Meals will be \$5.00 each

The menus are sent home for 2 weeks worth of lunches for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Payment can be made through e transfer, cash or cheque

Our first lunch selections will be from January 21st- January 30th.

If students do not come to school with a lunch, teachers notify the office and they are provided with a lunch.

b. GPV Report

December

Dec 2-6-Universal Screens: FLA HLAT 7-9, SH PRT, SH RCAT

Dec 3-Skills Exploration 7F/8F

Dec 4-LST meeting in HP

Dec 3-6-Divisional Psychologist onsite for Testing

Dec. 6&7 Rim Rocker JH Basketball tournament-HP

Dec. 6 Indigenous Author visiting classrooms -Britney Supernault

Dec 6-Launch Food Bank Collections

Dec 9-Melissa Meunier will assume the role of the Career Coach

Dec 9-Numeracy Meeting

Careers Coach meetings

Week of Dec 9-Academic Celebrations for First Quarter Reporting

Dec. 10th School Report to Board (10:00am), Poinsettia arrivals

Dec 11th-8:00am-EA/Teacher Collaboration

Dec. 12th-Band and Drama (fine arts night)

Dec 13-Wellness Day

Dec 16-Virtual Literacy/Numeracy Meetings, Food Safety Handling Course for 23 students

Dec 17-Door Decorating Mentorship Activity Day

Dec 18-Grade 9's Attend "The Christmas Carol" in Edmonton
Dec 19-Staff Christmas Celebration, Turkey Dinner Preparation
Dec 20-School Wide Turkey Lunch and Activity Day run by Mentorship

Extra Curricular Activities:

-JH Basketball is off and running

Announcements:

-Looking for some volunteers to help with our Nutrition Program 1/month-baking in the Foods Lab
-Youth Council for Reconciliation meets monthly
-Daily Study Hall during lunch in Room 150
-Family [Commitment](#) statement
-Attendance Policy-[AP 330](#)
[-GPV Attendance Policy](#)
-HPSD Administrative Procedure 375-[REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY](#)

Office of the Career Coach/Dual Credit

- 6 students completed Dual Credit courses in the first semester
- 9 students are registered for Dual Credit courses in the second semester.

Course	Post Secondary Institution
Introduction to Indigenous Studies	Lethbridge Polytechnic
Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	Lethbridge Polytechnic
Medical Terminology	SAIT
Learning and Development in Childhood	Northwestern Polytechnic
Health Education: Personal Health and Wellness	Northern Lakes College
Anatomy and Physiology	NAIT
Training for Performance	Olds College
Intro to the Vet Profession	Olds College

Ms. Ellwood has been reassigned to E.W. Pratt exclusively beginning in Dec. Melissa Meunier will be her replacement.

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

Programming

- GPV hosted all of the Wellness Coaches from across the division on Friday December 13th. We joined a variety of classes, both junior and senior, to facilitate a series of activities that included movement, brain games and stakeholder questions to give students a chance to share their perspectives on how things are going in the building, what they feel is important and what ideas they have about future plans/improvements. It was a great way to learn where students feel we're thriving and where we have room for growth.
- Weekly mentorship meetings
- Planning for Grade 6 leadership activities in the new year
- Planning for Grade 6 transition day in May 2025

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 Jan

[SH Final Exams and Diplomas](#)

- Jan 7-Admin Meeting in HP
- Jan 8-JH Basketball game vs Kinuso
- Jan 13-Monday Meeting
- Jan 14-School Council Meeting
- Jan 15-EA/Teacher Collaboration
- Jan 17-Last day of SH Classes
- Jan 20-Monday Meeting
- Jan 24-Report Card Comments/Marks Due
- Jan 27-Monday Meeting
- Jan 29-PD Day/Report Cards go out
- Jan 30-Second Semester Begins, Northwest Polytech Career Fair 5-7pm

c. Trustee Report

- We will be continuing to hold Community Consultations discussing such topics as cell phone use policy, report cards, attendance and homework. ERS and GPV have been completed and we are grateful for the feedback provided by the participants.

- Upcoming Online Engagement Sessions:

Virtual Town Hall Meetings:

Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 7:00 PM

- Student Advisory Groups sessions are being set up. ERS and GPV is set for February 19/25. This will help provide to the Board student feedback to also help guide our strategic planning session this year, much like the community consultations.
- At December's Board meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to support the expansion of our green certificate offering and will be starting on the installation of a hydroponics farm that will specialize in the growing of strawberries, lettuce, and other vegetables. It is our hope that the program will be able to sell to local grocery stores as they devoted a lot of time and money into making sure that this project will succeed.
- In addition to this, HPSD is looking at how we can redesign our High School Knowledge & Employability courses to better accommodate students and the complexities in their timetable and programming. We anticipate being able to offer work skills and job entry skills programming for K&E that will engage them further within their studies as well as building positive relationships through work placements with different businesses in the community.
- In academics, as a Division, we have moved to the digital writing of exams (PAT's and Dips) . We are working towards embracing the writing of these

exams with VRETTA. Now, while there were initially some problems with the process that we had to work out, our students and staff persevered and our entire division now writes these assessments online. There has been some growing pains with roll over to online examinations, however we believe that the students are stepping up to the challenge.

- Wheelchair Sports Alberta presentation
 - Para Sport in Slave Lake

A delegation presented to the Board to promote para sport in Slave Lake. They asked to partner with the school division to start a para sport program in the community.
- EW Pratt hosted a successful Career Showcase attended by many people from all across the division.
 - 34 different businesses, government entities & municipalities took part

Update from Minister of Education on Transportation

Effective September 1, 2025, due to resource and capacity concerns, Alberta Education has implemented a change to the Student Transportation Regulation. In March of 2023, Alberta's government amended the regulation to change the distance criteria from 2.4 kilometres for all students to 1 kilometre for Grades 1 to 6 students and 2 kilometres for Grades 7 to 12 students. These changes were to come into effect on September 1, 2025. Because we knew this was coming, HPSD decided to implement the change right away. Since then, the Alberta government has heard feedback from school authority partners that the revised criteria could pose resource and capacity concerns. In response to those concerns, Alberta's government has decided to change the distance criteria for Grades 1 to 6 students to 1.6 kilometres instead of 1 kilometre, effective September 1, 2025. The criteria for Grades 7 to 12 students will remain unchanged at 2 kilometres. We don't know, at this time, how this change will affect our division.

9. New Business

a. GPV Attendance Policy & HPSD Attendance Policy – Administrative Procedure AP 330 – Student Attendance

HPSD passed this in the fall. Vanier built their own policies to support this and it is in the draft stage. This will be applied in the second

semester. It takes a more solution based approach to aid parents and students to solve problems and get to the root of the problem.

b. HPSD Graduation Administration Procedure (AP 375) – Requirement to Participate in Graduation Ceremonies

Passed in late fall and was fully implemented in December. This holds students to a standard and outlines specific details. Legacy hours for Vanier expectations are not outlined in this document as that is unique to Vanier School.

c. AERR Report Discussion (from previous meeting)

The survey comes out in February and closes in March.

d. The date of the calendar for the next school year was discussed. This should be delivered near the end of March

10. Next Meeting/Adjournment

Next Meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 7 PM at Georges P. Vanier School, Donnelly

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm