

Georges P. Vanier/ Routhier School Joint Council Meeting

Ecole Routhier School
Monday, November 4, 2024 @ 7PM

AGENDA

Attendance: Routhier Principal Monique Dubrule, Routhier VP Rae-Ann Boivin, Vanier VP Carolyn Giroux, Vanier Principal Bill Sheets, Tara Lea, Whitney Boisvert, Routhier Teacher Rep Jenny St. Jean, Jackie Stewart, Chelsea Hausler

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 7:06pm.

3. Welcome & Introductions - Tara went around the table and everyone did introductions.

4. Review / Additions / Approval of Agenda - Jenny St. Jean asked to add bussing update to the agenda.

Chelsea Hausler moved to approve the agenda as amended.

5. Review/Approval of October 8, 2024 minutes

Jenny St. Jean moved to approve the minutes from the October 8th, 2024 meeting.

6. Financial Reports:

- a. Routhier: \$546.79
- b. Vanier: \$ 983.71

7. Old Business:

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8. School Reports:

- a. Routhier Report: Pie in the face went well, the new park grand opening was successful.
RFES committe is looking for more members and there is a meeting coming up on November 25th, 2024.

ERS is still looking for a cook as well as a half time EA for playschool speech.

October 1st- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Activities in their classes.

- Students and staff raised awareness by wearing orange shirts and participated in class activities honoring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

- October 2nd-9th School wide HLAT was written. The HLAT is the Highest Level in achievement divisional wide writing assessment that will be collaboratively marked by ERS teachers on our October 11th PD Day. This year we are piloting the French HLAT writing prompt for Edmonton Public.

- October 7th-Students of the month were presented to two students from the school one from Div 1 and one from Div 2. We are using our school's values to determine the students that receive this monthly honor. At ERS we value learning, respect, community, kindness and responsibility.

- October 1st- Grade Level Planning Meetings began today with the first round focus on literacy data.

- Teachers will have the opportunity to collaborate with their grade level partners starting this week.

- Grade Level Partner grouping promotes collaboration between the teachers of students at the same grade level.

- October 1st- Grade 3 Collaborative GLP

- October 2nd- Numeracy Boost Groups began. The focus of these is on building and strengthening number sense and math fluency through a variety of activities and games.

- October 2nd- Grade 4 Collaborative GLP

- October 3rd- Grade 1 & 2 Collaborative GLP

- October 4th-9th- HLAT School Wide Write

- October 7th- Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) began with the first round of targeted reading intervention instruction and support.

- October 7th- Braden Hackbert has joined ERS for his 2 week observation teaching practicum.

- October 8th- Lifetouch School Picture Day

- October 8th- Div 1 CTM Meeting with Teachers was held to discuss literacy needs in the classroom.

- October 8th- School Council Annual General Meeting at GPV @ 7:00 pm

- At noon recess today October 8th our new park was opened to our students. A schedule was created so classes could have access to the new park today.

Thursday 3;15-4;45 grand opening of the park

- October 9th- ERS and IEC Collaboration Meeting will be held with Mr. Jamie Chalifoux, Kokum Connie Sabo and Admin
- October 9th -ECS/Maternelle Collaborative GLP
- October 9th North West PolyTech- 6 students joined ERS for the day
- October 10th- October 24th- Grade 5/6 Collaborative GLP
- October 11th- PD Day- Teachers split into French and English Groups for a full day of marking HLAT writing.
- October 15th- Grade 3 Collaborative GLP
- October 15th- School Staff Safety Meeting after school
- October 15th- Beaver Skinning. Ronnie Willier came and demonstrated beaver skinning for the grade 5 and 6 classes.
- October 16th- Janelle our OT was in working with students
- October 16th- Grade 4 Collaborative GLP
- October 17th- Grade 1 & 2 Collaborative GLP
- October 17th- Grade 6 parent meeting for the end of year trip was held to inform parents and involve them to work collaboratively with their child and teachers to make this trip successful for all.
- October 18th- SSTM Meeting. Admin including Principal, VP, LST and Wellness Coach met to discuss students of need and planning for success in school.
- October 18th- Terry Fox Assembly & Wheel of Doom
 - Students achieved their fundraising goal and spun the Wheel of Doom at our Terry Fox Assembly in blocks 9 & 10.
- October 22nd- Admin Meeting at LSC
- October 22nd- Division 2 CTM Teacher group met with a focus on literacy.
- October 23rd-ECS/Maternelle Collaborative GLP
- October 24th - Chris Zarski worked with division 2 teachers and the new science curriculum.
- October 24th- Grade 5/6 Collaborative GLP
- October 28th- Theme Lire Presentation- Anne Guccardi-3e-6e classes. French Language Resource Centre.
- October 29th- School Safety Inspection with our Safety Officer Kathleen Doucette.
- October 29th- Grade 3 Collaborative GLP
- October 29th- Julia Drefs joined us for the day to work with our VP on Full Day Vocabulary Planning Activities
- October 30th- Grade 4 Collaborative GLP
- October 30th- Cuppa Curriculum Meeting- Admin met with Julia and other administrators throughout the division online.
- October 31st- Halloween Day Dress up activities and School Wide Assembly.

- ERS and GPV Community Consultations are scheduled for Nov. 5 and 23. Please sign up if interested.
- Numeracy and Literacy Interventions are well underway
 - LLI- Leveled Literacy Interventions
 - Boost Literacy Interventions
 - Numeracy Interventions
 - Specific classroom teacher interventions in the form of guided reading are taking place as well.

Wellness corner

Classroom sessions throughout October

Gr 4 F - Identifying ways to work together as a class, how we can start working on our attitude towards each other and our teachers.

Gr 4E - Kindness: How can we go from the theory of knowing what kindness is to putting what we say into practice more regularly.

Gr 5/6F - Having the class aware of the individual personalities in the classroom and Celebrating our differences.

Gr 6 E - Continue to speak about respect and what that looks like within the classroom and the school.

- Using our values (learning, respect, community, Responsibility and kindness) as a gauge the class has an extra motivation to keep improving with bi-weekly Gr 6E champion award that comes with a trophy and extra prizes.

● Drumming as a form of regulation and mental wellness with classes come October - January. This month sessions were used throughout div 1 and 2 classes

● Gr 6 Leadership collaboration program with GPV kicked off 16 October and will be running through out the school year (May)

● Then the ongoing 1-1's and Intramurals throughout the year.

- Grade 4 Tuesdays
- Grade 5 Wednesdays
- Grade 6 Thursdays

Wellness & Meals

- We are currently still looking for a cook. We are not offering hot lunches at this time. Students have access to fruit in the classroom everyday.

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

- b. GPV Report: Pumpkin carving went well and was well received by participants. The mentor team did a great job organizing and engaging their teams.

Many of the SR High students dressed up for Halloween this year and the mentorship program encouraged this.
The position for the career coach is posted as the previous career coach has been relocated to E.W. Pratt.

October

(Grade 7 Dibels Testing-Universal Reading Comprehension Screen)

1/2-3 staff out on S-endorsement

2-LBL at the O'Mahoney Conservation Area for Sci 10/14

2/3- Red Deer/Olds Campus post secondary campus tours

4th-School Photo Day, Northwest polytechnic tour, Schizophrenia Society of Alberta for a virtual presentation to CALM students

8th-School Council

9th-Northwest Polytechnic (TENS program observations-Teacher Education North)-4 teachers
onsight

10th-STEM day meeting for Sci departments, Cross-Country Zones, Staff Gathering

11th-PD -PAT/DIP data Analysis and Spiraling/Interleaving with Literacy Lead-Hilary Hinds

14th-Thanksgiving

15th-Band Parent Association Meeting

18th-Golf Ball Drop-International Travel Fundraiser

Oct 21-EA Advisory Committee Meeting

22nd-Admin Meeting

23rd-Vball Divisionals in HP, Teacher Advisory Committee Meeting

28th-JH Volleyball Exhibition in Valleyview

29th-Grad Meeting

30th-Grade 7 Band Presentation and AGM

31-Mentorship Activity (Pumpkin Carving/Facebook voting) and Costume Contest

18/25/Nov 8-FLIP days

Fundraising Opportunities:

-Gourmet Sausage and Perogy Fundraiser-Deadline-Nov 1

-SH Volleyball Teams hosted a JH B Tournament

Extra Curricular Activities:

-Cross Country wrapped up-2 students attended Provincials in GP

-JH Volleyball wraps up Nov 1/2

-SH Volleyball regular season wraps on Nov 15/16

-Basketball sign up has opened

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 continues

- Career Counsellor position increasing to 0.8fte. Interviewing ongoing.
- Community engagement sessions ward 1 Tuesday Nov. 5th and Sat. Nov. 23rd.
- Family Commitment statement

Office of the Career Coach/Dual Credit

- Vanier has 6 students enrolled in Dual Credit Courses.
- 1 is enrolled in University Studies courses through Northern Lakes College
- 1 is enrolled in Power Engineering through Northern Lakes College
- 1 is enrolled in an Early Childhood Learning Course
- 1 is enrolled in a Psychology course through the University of Calgary
- 1 is enrolled in a Sports Management course through Olds College
- 1 is enrolled in a course through NAIT which is an admission requirement for the program she is applying for
- October: Career Coaching
- Grade 9's : Introduction to Career Coach: Students created portfolio in MBP and began researching potential careers
- Individual student meetings with grade 12 students (course planning, post secondary applications, etc.)
- Apply Alberta sessions with grade 12's in preparation for October 1st (Post secondary applications open)
- ELAA : The Educational Liaison Association of Alberta visited Vanier on Monday September 23rd. 16 recruiters from post secondary institutions visited Vanier - Apprenticeship and Industry Training also joined.
- Campus Tour: 15 students in grades 11 and 12 visited Olds College, Red Deer Polytechnic and NAIT
- UCalgary in class presentation - Chem 30 on October 16th
- UAlberta in class presentation - Math 20-1 on October 18th

Mrs. Ellwood has been reassigned to E.W. Pratt exclusively beginning in Dec. The position for GPV is open for applicants.

Office of the Wellness Coach

Student Support

- 1:1 meetings with students across all grades continued through May and June
- 1:1 meetings slowly starting up again with the beginning of school

- Parent phone-calls
- CSTAG
- Assisted in applying for and securing the Foundational Learner's Assistance funding for a HS student
- Assisted students in completing intake process for AHS Mental Health Services

Programming

- Working with Mr. Rob at ERS on Grade Six Leadership for the 2024-2025 school year. This year is more of a focus on citizenship, compassion and positive relationships. Our first meeting with the grade sixes is October 16th
- Co-facilitating Mentorship program with students grades 11-12. Weekly meetings with students and co-facilitators as well as assisting students in implementing planned activities (ie. school wide dodgeball tournament, halloween activity planning, etc.)

Staff

- On-going meetings with admin/lst, teachers, support staff, about student needs and supports as required

Upcoming in Nov

- Nov. 1 - PD day
- Nov. 4 - Report card marks and comments due at 9am, Joint School Council at ERS
- Nov. 5 - No stone left alone. (Gr. 9s), Community Consultation Ward 1 @ 7pm ERS
- Nov. 8 - Remembrance Day ceremony at 10:30
- Nov. 8 - Report cards go out.
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day
- Nov. 12-14 Fall break
- Nov. 15 - Day in lieu of PTI's
- Nov 20th-Parent Teacher Interviews-5-8pm
- Nov 22-24th-Band Bash-Slave Lake
- Nov 23rd-Community Consultation Ward 1 @1pm-GPV
- Nov 25-27-Restorative Practice Training in HP
- Nov 26th-Work Wild Presentation-Gr 10's

c. Trustee Report:

We will be continuing to hold Community Consultations discussing such topics as cell phone use policy, report cards, attendance and homework. These are small group discussions that will help lead us into related decision-making. Here in the West End, the set dates for these are Nov 5@7pm at ERS and Nov 23@1pm at GPV. Please register in advance for these meetings.

- We will also be holding virtual community engagement sessions via Zoom on Saturday, January 25, 2025 @1pm and Wednesday, January 29, 2025 @7pm as well as an online engagement opportunity.
- Student Advisory Groups
 - Grades 2 & 8 at all HPSD schools
- Presentation from Coordinator of Planning & Special Projects, Brennan MacDonald:
 - Collegiate Application
 - Hoping to be successful recipients sometime in March/25
 - Will be approximately a \$3M project
 - Focus on trades, healthcare and business services, with eventual expansion into education.
 - Goal to increase PS exposure by offering more Dual Credit options and micro-credential support classes.
 - Micro-credentials (which also leads to 'badging')
 - Designed for college prep or the job market
 - Short, work-at-your-own-pace courses used to pad resumes
 - Wide range of interests
 - Can lead to University Transfer Courses
 - K&E courses will also be supported through Portage College (Math/LA
 - Looking into building courses specific to student needs or desires
 - Nutrition
 - Lunch Programs are occurring at all schools in HPSD except three
 - Working to get a lunch program for the remaining schools - there is an ad out to get a cook at ERS
 - There are snack programs at every school - we are currently on the wait list for the Breakfast Club of Canada for the entire division
 - Professional Development is now available for Cooks
 - Traditional meals will be offered/served first at Prairie River Junior High School and will expand to other schools
 - HPSD partnered with the High Prairie food bank this past summer to provide snacks for kids.
 - Farming Project - 3 Stages
 - Stage 1 - Urban Gardening through Living Walls

- Tied to science curriculum for grades 1-12, this program will introduce & reinforce the gardening cycle to students
- Will be introduced in Lakeside Outreach, Roland Michener, Joussard, High Prairie Elementary, Prairie River Junior High, & Georges P Vanier
- This program will be funded through grants & local business donations
- Stage 2 - Rural Gardening
 - Hydroponic farms up to 2 acres
 - Sell the vegetables/fruit to local businesses including Boondocks, IGA, Co-op etc.
 - This program would be supported through Options, Finance & Agriculture classes
- Stage 3 - Ranching
 - Looking to raise livestock in or near towns
 - May be partnering with the Ag Society to house the animals at their facility

- Bussing Routes Update

There is still one route (in the West End) not operational. There are currently two drivers being trained to potentially fill in the gaps. This situation is being worked on.

- Numeracy Framework Update

Committee will meet one more time in December. Soft rollout - February/March 2025. Both frameworks (literacy & numeracy) will be in place for the beginning of the next school year.

- Mental Health Services Proposal Update

A response letter has been received from the Minister of Mental Health & Addiction regarding our mental health services proposal. Recovery Alberta, the new health agency responsible for the delivery and oversight of mental health and addiction care in Alberta, has let us know that they are interested in partnering with HPSD to support enhanced psychiatric care for children and youth in the HPSD area which is a very positive step. We have the opportunity to work with Recovery Alberta on creating a process to review complex cases with parents, child and school-based providers and a collaborative referral and support processes.

- We met with the President & the CEO of the Public School Boards Association on October 30, 2024 to discuss following issues:

- o Funding - Weighted Moving Average - We discussed the fact that, although this funding model seems to help the school boards that have a decline in student population, this funding model does not meet the needs of our school division. This funding model is still based on the number of registered students in a count that is made on September 30, 2024. Because our student numbers are declining, we still must pay for the rising costs of maintaining the same size schools. So our funding is steadily going down while our costs are going up.

- o Mental Health Services - We discussed our mental health services proposal.

- o Portable Classroom builds – advocating for the possibility of having local builders build the much-needed portable classrooms in some areas: first, to have them built in a timely manner and second, to stimulate the local economy in these areas.

- o Infrastructure Funding - We discussed the declining and inadequate funding to maintain aging schools.

- o Attraction & Retention of Teachers & Professionals in rural areas - because our province is growing tremendously, the

Alberta Government has introduced a capital project to build 30 new schools in 3 years. These schools will require a huge amount of staff therefore increasing the possibility of making it even harder for rural school boards to attract and retain these required teachers & professionals.

9. New Business

- a. Review School Council Meeting Dates for the 2024-2025 Year
- b. Bussing: One driver has been replaced on the McLennan route however the Guy route is still not filled. This still leaves one bus route without a driver. There is training available for any potential new drivers.

10. Next Meeting/Adjournment: Tara adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.

December 10th, 2024 G.P. V
January 14th, 2025 ERS
February 11th, 2025 G.P. V
March 11th, 2025 ERS

April 8th, 2025 G.P. V
May 13th, 2025 ERS