

Joint School Council Meeting

Ecole Routhier and Ecole Georges P Vanier School

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Minutes

Members Present: Terry Valiquette, Karin Scholl, Jackie Cuthbertson, Diane Benoit, Melissa Portelance, Chantal L'abbe, Cheryl Tardif, Carmen Labrecque, Pam Heckbert, Peter Sutton, Annette Ouellette, Alexandra Brochu, Karen Benoit

1. Meeting called to order at 1909hrs.
2. Additions and approval of agenda:
7a) School start supplies
7b) Arts and science fair
8a) Reimbursement of teacher appreciation lunch
Agenda approved by Annette Ouellet.
3. Amendments and approval of previous minutes.
Minutes approved by Terry Valiquette.
4. Business arising from previous minutes:
a) Review of COSC meeting handouts (sent in email). No questions for Alex regarding handouts.
b) Review and feedback of new school council Bylaws. Karen Benoit presented what was worked on and explained the switch to town Hall format over executive format, reason for the policy being prepared to reflect town hall was due to the fact that it is what we are following right now. Karen requesting input on draft in order to present at next meeting, all input can be sent via email at nkben@serbernet.com
c) Vacant Council Positions to be elected on at AGM Vice-Chair, and treasurer.
5. New Business
a) Upcoming council events for April and May-
Vanier Wellness week April 21, Routhier May 5-Literacy night and wellness week, Wednesday May 4 School bus driver appreciation.
6. What's new at Vanier
Band Trip April 20-24, sports-rugby, track and field and badminton, April 28: Show case and PTI.
7. What's new at Routhier
a) School Start-Melissa received email from school start inquiring about renewing the contract for ordering school supplies. Most parents present were in favor, Melissa mentioned that it would be in the student and parents best interest to have supplies delivered at home and not at school

due to supplies being handed out on 1st day of school and it was overwhelming for staff and students.

Aimee Anderson was contacted via phone and she was willing to spearhead the program again this year.

b) Arts and science Fair: there were 31 participants (k-3 had good representation but parents were wanting judging, students didn't receive anything; 4-6 had good representation on the arts side but not much for science). Comments in regards to next year would be that it be held 2 weeks after spring break to allow for more time to prepare. Jacquie expressed thanks to Vanier for the tables and help with set up for the event.

c) Mrs. Benoit updated on other events: Melanie Blanchette and Kristen Morin are doing their student education practicum and providing a volleyball program for the students after school.

Lifetouch group pictures were successful, there was a new manager and he has regained the school's trust in the program. Appreciation lunch for staff by parents was greatly appreciated by staff. Partnerships with Ecole Heritage for Delph exams. Mme Schaefer will be going on maternity leave at the end of this week and Angela Gauthier-Laurin will be replacing her. School is also in discussion with Town re: swimming lessons.

8. Treasurer's Report

GPVanier has \$581.40 with no outstanding expenses. Routhier treasurer not present and didn't forward report for meeting.

a) Chantal L'abbe had bought veggie and meat trays for the Routhier staff appreciation lunch and would like to be reimbursed. There is money in the account from DVD sales earlier this year.

Cheryl Tardif motioned that Chantal L'abbe be reimbursed for the total of her expenses as per her receipt (\$65-70) with the monies from the dvd sales.

Karen Benoit seconded the motion. All in favor.

9. Trustees Report

COSC meeting discussion on draft of safe and caring policy (LGBT).

March 16-19 the board set goals for 3 year plan: Literacy, numeracy and FNMI school success, FNMI connection and fostering belonging.

Calendar school year set for 2016-17, first day Aug 31, 2016. Friday's off for PD were still a preference according to the survey results, although the calendar has approx. 3 days less from this current school year's PD days.

Reminder if our council isn't attending ASCA conference that they send their proxy votes in.

10. Correspondence: None to report on

11. Next meeting May 10 at 7pm at GPVanier.

Adjourned at 7:57pm