

Joint School Council Meeting
Ecole Routhier & Ecole Georges P Vanier School

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 @7pm

At Ecole George P Vanier

Attendants: Natalie Lepage, Alex Brochu, Bob Owens, Pamela Heckbert, Diane Benoit, Annette Ouellette, Kim Girard, Chantal L'abbe, Karen Benoit, Tara Lea, Nancy Roussel, Jackie Cuthbertson, Carmen Labrecque, Peter Sutton, Karin Scholl, Aime Andersen, Terry Valiquette, Melissa Portelance, Tammy Langelier (8pm arrival)

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02pm
2. Additions to the agenda:
 - 5b-transportation for math diploma prep, 6a-Routhier family dance.
 - Agenda approved by Chantal L'abbe
3. Amendments and approval of previous minutes.
 - Minutes approved by Natalie Lepage
4. A) School pictures update at Routhier: Group pictures didn't happen. Diane Benoit spoke to life touch, after many tries spoke to a manager in Manitoba, was told Grande Prairie office has had many problems and there is a new manager taking over which should help with many issues. Alex was wondering if we still go ahead with life touch or seek other photography companies. Bob had given information to Diane Boucher but hasn't heard back from Diane in regards to options with Paquin or other companies. Diane Benoit would like to give the new manager a chance to fix the present concerns with life touch. Alex recommended at the time of the renewal of the contract that we know what other companies have to offer. Once group pictures are done council would like to revisit.
 - B) Excellence in Teaching Awards update: Terry Valiquette updated on nominations: Kristen Blanchette's name was nominated and since she was the only one, Bob has submitted her for the award and Bob has completed the forms. Natalie Lepage has mentioned they had a nomination but hasn't been able to complete the nomination, Terry has offered to help and Natalie will follow through with the nomination forms. Mac Olson has recommended that advertising for nominations be done through Smoky River Express in the future.
 - C) Xmas dvd's Routhier-\$890 was collected and they will be copied at foto source in Peace River at the cost of \$5 each dvd, which is ½ the cost of what was charged. Chantal mentioned that in the past monies were spent on microwaves, since she is the one usually recording the concert, she would like monies spent to purchase a good quality video camera. Bob mentioned that Vanier has a good quality camera, and agreed to lend it to Routhier for special events and possibly have a Vanier student record the event in return for legacy hours.
5. A) Facebook and Media Release concerning our schools.
 - Tabled to next meeting.
 - B) Transportation for Math diploma prep: Bob stated that there will be a bus provided.
6. What's new at Routhier.

A) Family Dance: Tara wanted to clarify if council had approved to allow older siblings to attend. Council has mentioned that older siblings are allowed to attend but not their friends, and that all children should be accompanied by an adult. Dance is to be held GPVanier. RFES will be hosting their silent auction fundraiser at the dance, they are accepting donations from anyone or business wanting to support Routhier school, they have already a few items for silent auction.

-February fruit fundraiser getting organized and meat fundraiser from mundane sausage in march.

-Diane Benoit-New French teacher starting soon, farm safety presentations starting Jan 20 & 21(a company from Raymond, AB), Diane looked into getting Misoula, but with the exchange of the dollar it was too much money. Routhier is on their way to replacing their sound system and GPVanier gave their old stacking chairs to Routhier.

7. What's new at Vanier

Xmas dinner and movie were a hit with the student's. Basketball in full swing, Diploma exam's, class finals. Europe trip cancelled and dealing with student reimbursement of fundraised monies.

Accountability pillar survey will be getting sent out to parents, Bob emphasized he would like to send a letter informing parents on how the survey is evaluated and scored. These surveys give our admin staff an idea of areas to improve on within the various entities of the school system. He will also try to send out a fact sheet in relation to topics covered on accountability survey to inform parents of areas that our school has worked on over the years.

Bob also made reference to a committee(secondary reporting) has to do with collecting information from the parents in regards to how the teachers communicate how our children are doing in our school/classes, he presented a questionnaire for us to review and provide feedback re: our child's report cards, ed line and other tools used to communicate to parents.

Bob also gave a quick worksheet to those present at the meeting to help give ideas on a new mission statement. What does our school mean to us, why is it unique, valuable and attractive for our children to attend vanier.

8. Treasurer's report

GPVanier: \$581.40 current balance, no expenses as reported by Annette Ouellette.

Routhier: \$64.26 current balance, December expenses of microwave \$220.41 was paid. Previous expenses from pumpkin carving contest: \$62.69 + \$50 for pumpkins + \$109 for pizza prize to the winning class. Aimee mentioned that all pizza income and expenses are now going through the school, but the extra expenses from the pumkin carving contest came out of parent council account. \$150 deposit from HPSD school division was dipped into but will be replenished with DVD sales from xmas concert. In the past school council monies were used to help out with purchase of microwaves for the students, and other school council expenses. Report presented by Aimee Andersen.

Also Lisa Blanchette is no longer on council therefore Routhier needs a new person for signing authority on the account at ATB financial. Natalie Lepage offered to replace Lisa as signing authority.

Chantal L'abbe motioned that Natalie Lepage replace Lisa Blanchette as signing authority, where she will be one of three available to sign Ecole Routhier School Council cheques. Motion seconded by Tara Lea, School council passed motion.

Aimee Andersen and Chantal L'abbe are the 2 others who currently have signing authority and their policy is that 2 signatures are needed for their cheques.

9. Trustee Reports:

Karin Scholl reported the importance of the parents completing the accountability survey. She also gave a reminder to complete the school calendar survey for 2016-2017 school year. The trustees have met with Routhier and Vanier staff and will be continuing to meet with other schools in the division. Karin reported that the board had met via teleconference to discuss on GP vanier's Europe trip in light of recent events in Paris in November, and a decision was made to cancel all HPSD trips to Europe. Trustees will be meeting re: budget and strategic planning leading into the spring.

10. Correspondance:

Alex received a xmas card from HPSD trustees.

Terry brought up past business of GP Vanier doing their own mission statement, or create one representing the amalgamation of both councils. Terry emphasized that if we don't work on our mission statement we should look into workshops from ASCA that will help our council develop a plan and maybe be able to attract more parents to attend school council meetings. Upon looking on the ASCA website a workshop in relation to year planning was discussed.

11. Next meeting Feb 9, 2016 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm