

George P. Vanier/ Ecole Routhier School
Joint School Council Minutes

George P. Vanier Learning Commons
June 13, 2017

In Attendance: Karen Scholl, Cheryl Tardif, Carmen Labrecque, Taryn Aucoin, Peter Sutton, Pam Heckbert, Tara Lea, Diane Benoit, Melissa Portelance, Karen Benoit, Jackie Cuthbertson

- 1) Meeting called to Order at 7:02 pm
- 2) Motion to approve the Agenda with additions- Cheryl Tardif
additions under new business c) REFES, d) GPVEF, e) recruitment for School Council
- 3) Approval of April Minutes- Carmen Labrecque
- 4) a) Financial Report GPV: report given by Alex Brochu- \$ 731.40 unchanged.
Alex discusses the accumulation of old documents held in the trust of the GPV Treasurer.
Jackie makes a motion to destroy all papers held by the Treasurer that are over 7 years of age. Karen seconds the motion.
b) Routhier Balance is \$ 456.28. Karen submits the information on behalf of Aimee.
- 5) Old business
 - a) ASCA- Conference review
Karen reports it was a good experience; Blanket ceremony Friday opening, excellent Keynote speakers- Topics included Fentanyl, Anxiety & Kids, School Council seminar discussing Board Insurance for Council/Foundations members- possibly something we could look at for the council.
- 6) School Reports
 - a) Routhier- Activities and Events
 - Culture Club with Dharlene Vicklund continues- 2 months for all students
 - April 4-11- Teen Ed Grade 4-6
 - April 6- Grade 6 Orientation at GPV
 - April 12 ERS Handgames- Team won 2nd at the Divisional tournament
 - April 13- Pancake Breakfast, Easter Celebration for Religion Students
 - April 21- Taste Test Thursday (Asian Pears), Soup Challenge
 - April 27- Highest Level of Achievement Test (Writing Prompt given to all students), Assembly
 - May 3- Education Week- variety of Activities each day, Hats off to Mental Health
 - May 15- June 27- Swimming Lessons
 - May 9-11 6FLA/ Grade 6 ELA
 - May 11- Jump Rope Kick –off Assembly
 - May 24- Dare Graduation for Grades 5 & 6 Students

- May 25-26 Grade 6 Field Trip to Edmonton
- May 25 Music Alive Program, Taste Test Thursday (Blackberries)
- May 26 Jump Rope for Heart- \$12,038.00 Staff dyed their hair red- Richard, Hillary, Elise, David & Joel.
- May 29- ECS/Mat- Field Trip to EMS/RCMP
- May 30- Gizmo Williams Presentation Grade 6 students at GPV.
- May 31- Bike Rodeo stations K-5
- June 5- Transition Meeting- Visit your next year's Teacher
- June 7-8- Track & Field 4-6, 1-3
- June 9- Grade 4E/F- Greenhouse and Nampa Museum
- June 9- Grade 5E/F- Living with Disabilities presentation
- June 10- All Lunch Hour Clubs have wrapped up (Friendly Helpers, Garbage Busters, Chess, Intramurals, Board Games, Lego Club, Student Government, After School Sports, Handgames, Beading, Drama, Beyond the Hurt, Leader in Me
- June 12- Track & Field Awards
- June 14-15- ECS/ Mat Graduation
- June 15- 5E/F- Field Trip- Birdwalk & Winagami, 2/3E Field Trip- Nampa Museum & Water Park., Friendly Helpers- year end activities- swimming
- June 21- Aboriginal Day- whole day of stations
- June 16-23- Grade 6 Achievement tests
- June 22- 2/3F Field Trip to Winagami
- June 29- Year-End Celebration from 1-2 pm
Discussion of New school Year
- School Supply List for Review- Option to Purchase independently or use School Start
- Athletics- pilot project for next school year
- New Staff hires- Breanne Britt (4E), Laura Wuth (5E), Class changes 4/5F Elsie Turcotte, there will be 2 5E classes, 6E Lindsay Brown, Heather O'Neill will be returning as the LST
- Canada's Birthday will be the Kick Off Event for the new school year in September

b) GPV- What's New At Vanier

- * June 1- Grade 7 band clinic in Grande Prairie and performance in Eaglesham
- * June 2-3- Provincial Track and Field
- * June 5- Grade 7s to O'Mahony Conservation area for Education and Stewardship
- * June 5-6- Pam to Edmonton Area for High School Redesign initiative. Visited 4 schools- Lamont most closely resembled GPV. Program looks at personalization and flexibility of student timetable. Looks at Student relationships- at GPV this is already the practice and part of the cultural make-up. Emphasis on Flex-time, at GPV this is currently Lunch time where students can receive assistance or catch-up on assignments. This time is student free-time and is not built into the Timetable. If it was to be built-into the timetable what

would be removed to make this time available? Schedule for the coming year does not have a lot of changes. Will initially be similar to past practices.

* Color Night and Community BBQ- 4 banners this year

* June 13 Rugby in Whitecourt

* June 15- Band Final Concert, Eveline Charles Entrepreneurial presentation, Concert and Grade 6 instrument selection for Routhier Students.

* June 16-23- Diploma Exams

* June 21- Aboriginal Day Activities, Year End Ball game and BBQ, Talent Show

* June 22 Last Day of Senior High Classes

* June 23-29- Final Exams for students

Notables

- Garden is planted, being nurtured and will be ready to harvested come Fall
- Students have written Field tests for PATS in Francais, Et. Soc., and Science
- Eagerly anticipating the outcomes of the Pepsi Cup slowpitch tournament
- Cree class has wrapped up as of June 12
- Students have all met with Ms. Jolie and timetables are being checked and rechecked
- Staffing is complete for September, welcome to Mr. Brock Whalen (Jr. High Socials/Band) and Ms. Sara MacLachlan (High School English) for next year
- Gizmo Williams
- Pam Heckbert will be GPV Principal and Monique Dubrule will be Vice Principal

c) Trustees Report

- HP central office very busy hiring administration most schools within District.
- Calendar changes: amended due to contract changes- 1 additional instructional day and took away 1 PD during school year, 2 PD's are gone from before school starts.
- Grads underway- exceptional local grad
- budget meetings over
- residential school speaker- teaching about the long term effects and impact on current generation
- community engagement sessions finished for this year
- Long service awards completed

7) New Business

a) Provincial Curriculum survey

Survey is closed/completed, parents were the intended audience, no one locally is known to have been contacted.

b) Annual report to the Board.

Copy provided by Karen (available upon request)

c) REFS report: Final report from May. Notable is that the casino has been moved up 6 months, increasing fund disbursement.

Copy provided by Tara Lea (available upon request)

d) GPVEF- meeting and recruiting date to be set, likely before the end of the school year.

e) Recruitment- What can we do to encourage new members from our parent communities?

* Melissa asked whether council could provide childcare for meetings, possibly Legacy hour opportunity.

* Discussed providing food, Venue change, student presentations all aimed at drawing in parents and educating them as to what happens at Council meetings.

* Possible tying meetings in with other school events.

8) Next Meeting- September 12, 2017 Routhier

* AGM to be held October 10, 2017- GPV, tentatively

9) Adjournment-8:23 pm