

## **Vanier/Routhier School Council Meeting**

**February 10, 2015.**

### **Minutes**

Those in attendance:

Alex Brochu, Karin Scholl, Bob Owens, Nigel McCarthy, Cheryl Tardif, Cindy Maisonneuve, Tammy Langelier, Annette Ouelette, Doreen Horvath, Dione Guerette, Terry Valiquette, Lynn Skrepnek, Peter Sutton, Tara Garant, Pam Heckbert, and Natasha Smit.

1. Call to order 7:05pm
2. Approve agenda: Annette Ouelette
3. Previous Meeting Minutes Approved 1<sup>st</sup>: Terry Valiquette, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annette Ouelette
4. Business Arising from the minutes:
  - a. Head Lice Presentation: Chantal L'Abbe is still waiting to decide whether or not to hold a public health presentation regarding head lice. It is discussed and decided the presentation will not go ahead to school council, rather, Doreen Horvath suggests putting a web-link on the website regarding head lice awareness and procedures.
  - b. Family Literacy Night: Camp Read S'More is a go ahead for tomorrow (Wednesday) night at 6:30pm.
  - c. Family Dance was a success at Vanier. Thanks to Jason and Nadine Doris, UFA, and all who helped. Fundraising totals: \$1283.00. Many parents were in attendance plus several staff members were there to help even though they did not have children in attendance. Discussion regarding the invitation of older children (junior high, high school) is had. It is decided that the rules for the age restriction be revisited in the planning phase in October.
  - d. Fruits in February: Fundraising will be a joint effort between the two schools. Information and order forms will go out in Vanier tomorrow. Deadline is Friday, February 13. Funds generated help reduce fees for skating and swimming.
  - e. New Executive Members. In January, school council held elections for a new board. Alex Brochu moves that we keep the class reps from Routhier, and also get class reps from Vanier. Tammy Langelier seconds the motion. Our new Vanier class reps are as follows:

Gr 7: Cindy Maisonneuve, Gr 8: Dione Guerette, Gr 9: Tammy Langelier, Gr 10: Karen Benoit, Gr 11: Terry Valiquette, Gr 12: Doreen Horvath.
  - f. Concerns of Communication via website: Bob Owens discusses his strategy for keeping teachers current with their web pages. Vanier is also ready to go live with marks and push regular reports out to parents. Regular emails to parents is appreciated
  - g. Maintaining Separate Bank Accounts: Signing Authority at the bank requires signatures in the minutes and full names, etc. Terry Valiquette makes a motion that Annette Ouelette, the current treasurer and Alexandra Brochu, the current president be given signing authority on Vanier's account. All are in favour. Motion is carried.

Alexandra discusses moving accounts to a different bank. Dione Guerrette makes a motion to close the account at the ATB Financial in Falher Account number 100356924. Doreen Horvath seconds the motion. A vote is taken, and the motion is carried.

5. New Business

- a. GPV news: Science Fair February 19, Le Carnival February 11, Travel Studies for next year to France/Spain, possibility for Eva Olsson to visit in October 2015, Band Bash February 21,22 with 4 other schools in attendance, Junior High Basketball Divisionals 27, 28, YoWoCHas will only cost students \$100 per student, badminton beginning soon.
- b. Routhier News: Carnival and Literacy Night February 11, Winter Fun Day on February 19, 20 in partnership with Denise Drefs and EC Bar Ranch featuring toboggan hill, sleigh rides, etc. Students in FSL grades 4 – 6 will be going to Grande Prairie to the Grande Prairie Carnival Saturday February 28.
- c. Staffing Announcement: Nigel McCarthy shares that he has decided to seek the leave of the party to stand in the nomination for the Progressive Conservatives. This has an impact on Routhier as Nigel will have to take a leave of absence from his principal ship to seek political office. Nigel will be returning to High Prairie School Division March 14 2015.

6. Correspondence

- a. ASCA Annual General Meeting is coming up April 24-26 in Edmonton. High Prairie School Division will cover up to 2 members per council's conference fees. If anyone is interested, Alex has a link you can access
- b. Awards of Recognition : Award of Merit for school council, Excellence in Partnerships award, and Parent of Distinction awards exist with ASCA. Nominations must be received by Feb 28.

7. RFES/GPVEF Updates: \$1283.00 generated at the school dance, Casino is soon to be organized and a "wish list" will be established before the Casino.
8. Trustee Report: Lynn Skrepnek shares a joint meeting with Holy Family was held to discuss joint issues such as school calendar and busing. A common calendar was achieved. Also discussed was a joint football team between Vanier and High Prairie.
9. Treasurer's Report: current treasurer Aimee Andersen is not in attendance this evening to give the report.
10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:28pm. Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00pm in the Vanier Learning Commons (Room #177)