

# École Routhier / Georges P. Vanier Joint Council Meeting

École Routhier School, Falher  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 7PM

## AGENDA

### 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.

Attendance: Alyssa Pollard, Whitney Boisvert, Lynne Skrepnek, Monique Dubrue, Carolyn Giroux, Stephanie Cloutier, Jacklyn Laflamme, Jenny St Jean

### 2. Call to Order

Alyssa calls the meeting to order at 7:03

### 3. Welcome & Introductions

Alyssa introduced herself to the group.

### 4. Review / Additions / Approval of Agenda

Stephanie approved the amended agenda.

### 5. Review/Approval of January 14, 2025 minutes

Whitney approved the agenda.

### 6. Financial Reports:

- a. Routhier \$1196.79
- b. Vanier \$1633.71

### 7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Nothing to report

### 8. School Reports:

- a. Routhier Report  
The cook has been a great addition and the snack program is getting set up.

#### January 6th- Classes Resume

- January 6th- Madeline Struthers maternity leave commences. Mme. Dubrule, Ms. B and Mrs. Zdeb will be covering the 6E position internally.
- January 7th- Staff Meeting
- January 7th- Administrators Meeting @ LSC
- January 9th- SLP Kristen in at ERS
- January 11th- Grade 6 Bottle Drive Fundraiser for Edmonton Trip 11-3 pm
- January 12th- Grade 6 Bottle Drive Fundraiser for Edmonton Trip 11-3 pm
- January 13th- 31st- Dictée PGL French Classes
- January 13th- Community Big Gym Rental Soccer
- January 13th- Chris Zarski Science Curriculum Support grade 4 am, grade 5 pm
- January 14th- ERS & GPV School Council Meeting @ ERS 7 pm
- January 14th-16th- School Skating Program
- January 20th & 21st- DELF Training GP
- January 20th- Community Big Gym Rental Soccer
- January 20th- SLP Kristen in at ERS for observations
- January 21st-23rd- School Skating Program
- January 21st- Safety Meeting
- January 24th- SLP Kristen in at ERS for observations
- January 24th- Ed Psych & Parent Meetings with parents and teachers
- January 27th- Community Big Gym Rental Soccer
- January 28th- Circo Balanzo- The Great Balanzo Magic Show for Maternelle- 6F and FSL classes
- January 29th PD Day-
  - AM English Teachers- Empowering Writers PD French Teachers , EA's SIVA Training
  - PM Self Directed PD for Staff
- January 30th- 4F Students radio show at CKRP
- January 31st- School Assembly and Jersey Day Rescheduled due to bus cancellations
- Numeracy and Literacy Interventions are well underway
  - LLI- Leveled Literacy Interventions Round 2 began

- Boost Literacy Interventions Round 3
- Numeracy Interventions
- Specific classroom teacher interventions in the form of guided reading are taking place as well.

#### Wellness corner

- January was about reengaging with the students post break.
- Weekly 1 on1 check in with the students on caseload and same with a few classes.
- Grade 6 leadership Bingo Card - setting some goals for 2025
- Div 2 leadership opportunities with Div 1 students - selecting various students in Div 2 to do some activities/mini jobs with Div 1 students. Giving them the opportunity for some peer relationship building but also leading by example.
- Grade 4 Chess Club Mondays
- Intramurals
  - Grade 4 Tuesdays
  - Grade 5 Wednesdays
  - Grade 6 Thursdays

#### Wellness & Meals

- We are pleased to announce that Vicky Vicky has joined our Routhier Team as our school cook.
- His first day was January 6th, with the first menus going out January 8th.
- Meals are \$5.00 each
- The menus are sent home for 2 weeks worth of lunches for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Payment can be made through e transfer, cash or cheque
- Our first lunch selections will be from January 21st- January 30th.
- If students do not come to school with a lunch, teachers notify the office and they are provided with a lunch.

#### b. GPV Report

The school received a grant to have a meal once per week with their salad bar setup.

#### January

- SH Final Exams and Diplomas
- Jan 7-Admin Meeting in HP
- Jan 8-JH Basketball game vs Kinuso @GPV
- Jan 13-Monday Meeting

Jan 14-School Council Meeting, Social Committee Meeting  
 Jan 15-EA/Teacher Collaboration  
 Jan 17-Last day of SH Classes  
 Jan 20-Monday Meeting, Contract Psychologist onsite  
 Jan 24-Report Card Comments/Marks Due  
 Jan 27-Monday Meeting  
 Jan 28-Circo Blanzo-FLA 7/8 workshop  
 Jan 28/29-First Aid for Students  
 Jan 29-PD Day/Report Cards go out, First Day for our new hire-David Jay  
 Jan 30-Second Semester Begins  
 Jan 31-Last day for Mrs. Michelle Pitre-Starts retirement.

Extra Curricular Activities:

-JH Basketball is off and running  
 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 during lunch in Room 150  
 -Family Commitment statement  
 -Attendance Policy-AP 330  
 -GPV Attendance Policy-Finalized and shared to all families  
 -HPSD Administrative Procedure 375-REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY

Office of the Career Coach/Dual Credit

- 6 students completed Dual Credit courses in the first semester  
 - 9 students are registered for Dual Credit courses in the second semester.

- Introduction to Indigenous Studies - Lethbridge Polytechnic
- Introduction to the Criminal Justice System- Lethbridge Polytechnic
- Medical Terminology - SAIT
- Learning and Development in Childhood - Northwestern Polytechnic
- Health Education: Personal Health and Wellness - Northern Lakes College
- Anatomy and Physiology - NAIT
- Training for Performance - Olds College
- Intro to the Vet Profession - Olds College

Ms. Ellwood has been reassigned to E.W. Pratt exclusively beginning in Dec. Melissa Meunier will be her replacement.

#### Office of the Wellness Coach

##### Student Support

- 1:1 meetings with students across all grades
- Parent phone-calls
- Assisting students to access divisional and community based services

##### Programming

-GPV hosted all of the Wellness Coaches from across the division on Friday December 13th.

We joined a variety of classes, both junior and senior, to facilitate a series of activities that included movement, brain games and stakeholder questions to give students a chance to share their perspectives on how things are going in the building, what they feel is important and what ideas they have about future plans/improvements. It was a great way to learn where students feel we're thriving and where we have room for growth.

- Weekly mentorship meetings
- Planning for Grade 6 leadership activities in the new year
- Planning for Grade 6 transition day in May 2025

##### Staff

- On-going meetings with admin/Ist, teachers, support staff, and District office about student needs and supports as required.
- Weekly clinical supervision with Director of Mental Health Services

#### Upcoming in Feb

Universal Screens for SH (RCAT for English, HLAT for English and EICS for Math)

Feb 3-RAP Meeting

Feb 5-Self Directed ½ Day

Feb 6/7-Teachers Convention

Feb 10-Literacy/Numeracy Committee Meeting, Grad speech review

Feb 11-School Council

Feb 12 -HS FLA volunteering for Carnaval de St. Isidore

Feb 13-Dog Sledding-Cancelled, Admin Meeting in HP

Feb 14-Mentorship Activity

Feb 17th-Family Day

Feb 19- Grade 8-Student Advisory  
Feb 21st - Cinémagine

c. Trustee Report

**School Council Notes – March 11, 2025**

Presentation from Harold Johnson and Stacy Plesuk from Big Lakes Child Care Society (new society being started up) regarding their possible purchase of the existing Daycare, continued lease of such, and support from the Division.

Presentation from our Director of Transportation, Sheldon Bossert.

- Red Light Violations/Media and RCMP Awareness
  - 13 East end, 3 West end, 4 Central – visible, captured and sent to RCMP (since September)
  - Hot Zones: SL Holiday Inn area, SL HWY 2, Central HWY 2 just west of Enilda
  - 11 in town, 1 school violation, 8 on secondary and primary HWY's (reportable)
  - Non-reportable – 30 (potentially higher)
  - Total of 50 = ratio of 1 incident every 2 school days
  - Public Education: STAA (Student Transportation Association of Alberta) recently wrote a letter to the Minister of Transportation for awareness campaign – Minister has put it back to school divisions to create such a campaign
    - Extendable 6 foot stop arm added to 1 of our buses (SL Holiday Inn bus 205) as a pilot project – extremely popular Facebook post (245 reactions/comments, 29 shares, over 9000 video views)
    - Local media sharing
    - All 3 RCMP detachments have been contacted with statistics from HPSD and asked to increase patrol time in school areas and “flyby hotspots”
  - Bus idling times for Winter 24/25
    - Dec 1/23-Jan 27/24 – 2185 idling hours – 13,495 L of fuel
    - Dec 1/24-Jan 27/25 – 1972 idling hours – 12,356 L of fuel
    - Since Motive idling down 9.7% and fuel consumption down 8.4%
    - More than \$26,000 savings in this 2 month span
  - 25/26 changes to school bus funding
    - K-6 @ 1.6 km, 7-12 @ 2.0 km – projected changes
    - Funding impact
  - Bus Rodeo – May 31, 2025 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
    - First year back will be a bit scaled down

- 4-5 events of: Written exam, Offset Alley, Straight Line, Diminishing Clearance, Back up Test, Right Turn Test, Curb Line Event...
- New salad bars at RMSS and GPV, similar to EWP's. Money comes from the Nutrition Grants
- Congrats to David Miller of LSO going to AB Skills Competition for Culinary Arts
- GPV trip to Costa Rica – March 21 – April 1, 2025 approved in full
- The holiday days for the 2025-26 school year calendar were approved at the February board meeting. The final school year calendar for the 2025-26 school year will be discussed and approved at the March board meeting.
- ASCA is having a half-day spring symposium rather than a conference this year, on Saturday, April 26. The AGM will take place on Sunday, April 27. Both are virtual events. Registration on the website – deadline April 14, 2025.
- Trustee, Karin Scholl & Trustee, Adrian Wong conducted Student Engagement sessions with Grade 2 students at ERS & Grade 8 students at GPV. Student engagement sessions were also conducted in Slave Lake with the same two classes. Multiple questions were asked and the responses were documented using AI technology. Student voice is important in aiding us with strategic planning.
- We will be discussing the 2025 ASCA resolutions at our next Board meeting on March 18, 2025.
- This weekend, we will be having our Strategic Planning session to revise/set goals and priorities for the next year school budget. We will be consulting all the data that we have received during all of the public engagement sessions (including the student engagement sessions).
- High Prairie School Division is hosting our summer school virtually this July for all Grade 10-12 students, offering a variety of courses. The summer school will run online from July 2 – 31. Registration for all courses will be open until Friday, April 17. After that deadline, only courses with sufficient enrolment will continue to take registrations. Courses are being offered in a condensed format. Students may register for one 4-week course in our 2025 summer school. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact the Career Coach at your child's school or email us at [achieve@hpsd.ca](mailto:achieve@hpsd.ca).

- Ben Bella - Minister's Youth Advisory Council - Delegation
  - Grade 10 student at Roland Michener
  - Group of 40 students from across Alberta, aged 14 to 18
  - Selected to provide insight and advice on Alberta's education system
  - Council is run by Alberta Education & Alberta's Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaides
  - The Council meets three times each school year, either in Edmonton or virtually, to discuss important topics in education.
  - Application process was extensive – out of over 200 applicants, he was among the 80 invited for a video interview with the Council staff. He was selected as one of 40 students to join the Council.
  - He worked with a group of five other Council members on rural education
  
- Diploma Exams
  - Due to the inclement weather, there were bus cancellations for three days. Only 1 student missed 1 diploma exam.
  
- Calendar survey has launched. Over 500 responses received to date
  
- Alberta assurance surveys should be out already. They should be sent in the mail. Access codes will be received for all parents of Grade 4, 7 & 10. Random Access codes will now be provided to the schools again which is great.
  
- Director of Facilities - Butch Gagnon
  - Utility costs keep climbing. Technology upgrades - PA systems obsolete. Will be updating all PA systems. Fire alarm systems are being upgraded in all schools as they are obsolete as well. Building maintenance systems are being replaced in schools. Phone systems are being upgraded in all schools. Video cameras are all done & upgraded.
  - Insurance & safety requirements continue to be a huge demand on building maintenance thereby increasing costs. For example, sidewalk replacements, PA systems, video security systems, playground equipment etc. Preventative maintenance inspections are also requirements for insurance & safety.
  - Buzzer systems replacements/upgrading are complete.
  - Carpets are being removed at all schools which will save in contractor costs for carpet cleaning. The division will be carpet free very soon.
  - IMR funding has increased from 674715 - 968929 which will all be going to roofing.



- Instead of portables, we need Mini Mods.
- Manpower - new electrician hired to replace previous electrician. The contract for the janitors will be tendered out this year.

#### 9. New Business

##### a. AERR Survey

The surveys went out to the grades 4, 5, 6, 7, & 10 parents.

##### b. ASCA Upcoming AGM Info

The deadline to register is April 14th and the AGM is April 27th on zoom. The symposium is on April 26th.

##### c. Introduce 2025 ASCA Resolutions

Alyssa went over the titles of the resolutions.

##### d. Teacher Appreciation Day

May 6th - in the past there have been parent volunteers who serve teachers lunch and then watch the classrooms so that the teachers can all have a nice lunch together. Carolyn suggested a grab and go option for Vanier staff. Alyssa will talk to Tara and bring this up at the next meeting.

##### e. Bussing

Bus driver in training - where is it at? Why are the routes so long? Jenny brought up this issue to Lynne to bring up at the next trustee meeting. The buses are overcrowded as well.

#### 10. Next Meeting/Adjournment –Next Meeting Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7 PM at Georges P. Vanier School, Donnelly

Alyssa adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm