

## **Georges P. Vanier/ Routhier School Joint Council Meeting**

Zoom Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2022

**Attendance:** Carolyn Giroux: VP GP Vanier, Diane Benoit: Principal Routhier, Monique Dubrule: VP Routhier, Terry Hogan: Principal GP Vanier, Tara Lea, Stephanie Staudinger, Jenny St. Jean, Tracy Gagne, Leslie Carbone.

1. Treaty Acknowledgement / Call to Order / Welcome & Introductions

2. Tara called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

3. Welcome and Introductions.

4. Review / Additions / Approval of Agenda

Tracy approves agenda.

5. Review/Approval of April 4, May 2, June 6, 2022 Minutes.

Monique approves minutes of April, May, June 2022 meeting.

6. Financial Reports: See Handout.

Routhier: \$1,045.47, Vanier: \$1,482.40

Financial Reports moved to be accepted by Terry Hogan.

7. Old Business: None

8. School Reports:

a. Routhier Principal Report

What's new at Routhier:

-Teachers were back Aug. 25 and students on the 30th.

-Start up was a huge (normal) success

-We would like to welcome, new to staff, Heidi Wegner (6E), Amanda Roy (EA), Rob Mathys (Wellness coach)

-We would also like to thank Sara Yaremko for nominating our school for the Earth Ranger Presentation funded by Cargill. Students will be participating in a virtual presentation Nov. 8

- Sept. 12 was grandparents read aloud week. We were finally able to have community members come into the classrooms.
- Sept. 15 was meet the staff night. We had supper and classroom visits. Approx. 250 people attended.
- HP school division teachers received a presentation on restorative justice Sept. 16.
- Sept. 22 was our Terry Fox walk with Ecole Heritage - students fundraised ...\$3513.35
- Sept. 23 Theme day and assembly. Socks, sandals and sunglasses day. The class that brought in the most money for the Terry Fox foundation was given the privilege of tapping Mme Jenny to the wall.
- We have our Grade Level meetings occurring biweekly and Collaborative Response meetings continuing this year as well as staff meetings and health and safety meetings.
- We are happy to have Jessie Johnson returning this year and supporting us with counseling services upon referrals.
- Roots of Empathy is working with the gr. 4E class.
- Sept. 29 Orange shirt day
- Sept 30 - no school National Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct 5th - french music workshop for students
- Oct 19 - Picture Day
- The Friendly Helpers are in full swing. Our gr. 6 students are providing a safe and caring environment for our younger students. They help out at lunch and time and recesses.
- Gr. 6 students are also supporting the school with recycling.
- We will be welcoming a French monitor in the month of Oct. that we will share with GPV.
- We are looking forward to collaborating with GPV students and welcoming them as mentors in our classrooms weekly.
- Routhier and GPV will also share theme days.
- We have reading buddies happening weekly.
- Code of Conduct sent to parents to review and offer feedback

b. Vanier Principal Report

**Aug/Sept Highlights:**

- 3 new staff; Terry Hogan, Steve Bhantooa and Lovena Bhantooa
- Aug 30/31-Staggered Start
- Sept 1-Community Pancake Breakfast and Awards Ceremony
- Sept 7-Photo Day
- Sept 16-PD Day-Restorative Practice
- Sept 21-ELAA Interactive Post Secondary Fair-grades 9-12
- Sept 22-Terry Fox Run-Walked 9km-\$756.00

Collaborative Response Teams are meeting to strategize for student success  
 Universal Assessments have commenced; Mipi, RCAT and HLAT upcoming  
 Service Providers have been in to assess student needs  
 Breakfast Club is running daily with Wellness classes

Cafe Vanier-with SH Foods

Cross Country Running: Competed in Wanham

Golf: Fairview and Slave Lake

Jr High A Girls: have played 2 tournaments thus far, a few more upcoming

Jr. High B Girls: played Heritage today, Tournament in Beaverlodge Sept 30/Oct 1

Jr. High Boys: played in PR last weekend, found enough boys, yay!

SH Girls: Spirit River Tournament , going to Whitecourt this weekend

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French Monitor is expected to be starting in Oct, sharing with Routhier.

#### **From the office of the Career Coach (Katie Ellwood)**

Grade 9 presentation: visited the grade 9 classes to start conversations about post high school planning in preparation for ELAA.

ELAA: Georges P. Vanier hosted a post secondary fair on September 20th. 13 post secondary institutions joined us to talk with students about post secondary planning, programs and student services

Grade 12: visited both ELA 30 classes to set up My Alberta Digital ID and Apply Alberta accounts. Post secondary applications open on October 1st. Students planning on applying into post secondary are required to apply through these accounts.

#### **Wellness**

The Breakfast Club is up and running again this year. We have received funding from the Alberta Nutrition Grant and Breakfast Club of Canada to deliver a universal free program to all students at Vanier.

Funding from Alberta Nutrition - \$8300

Funding from Breakfast Club of Canada - \$17,000

Wellness has been busy with 1:1 visits with students, some classroom presentations and collaborating with community agencies.

The GSA is up and running, meeting every Thursday at lunch. We're hoping to do some education based activities across the school so that we can do our best at providing an inclusive and safe space for all Vanier students.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Sept 28-Socks/Sandals and Sunglasses

Sept 29-Orange Shirt Day and activities

Sept 30-Day off for Truth and Reconciliation

Oct 4-5-Campus Tours-Edm

HLAT's need to be written

Oct 24-PD Day

Oct 26-Photo retakes

Oct 31-Halloween Activities

c. Trustee Report –Held for next meeting.

## 9. New Business

### a. Superintendent Message

Thank you to the parents who have come out to be on the school councils. It is an advisory role to the school and school board and much needed from the community. ASCA (Alberta School Councils Association) bring information to the trustees and then trustees can take to the government. Your voice is very important and it is a great way to get your voice heard.

The school council must submit a report at the end of the year.

The school council must submit a detailed financial summary. We ask that fund raising take a secondary role and that advising the school of the voice of parents and community be a priority.

School councils cannot get licensing to fundraise and cannot accept money raised from gaming.

The ASCA conference is at the end of April. Not sure what will happen with conference this year as ASCA has lost most of its funding. Each school council will receive \$500 grant.

As well, each school council will receive \$150 once executive has been elected and submitted.

The Alberta government will pay for two members from each school council to attend conference. And will pay \$350 in addition for PD –can be used for travel to conference. Sue is the go to for this if need help.

The ASCA –forum with all the potential new premiers.

Can have workshops to bring parents in.

All school councils spend their \$500 then they would top up to 600,000 budget.

### b. Elections

a. Secretary: Tracy nominate Stephanie, Stephanie accepts.

b. Co-Chair Vanier: Carolyn nominate Tara, Tara accepts.

c. Co-Chair Routhier: Terry nominate Alyssa, Alyssa accepts.

### c. Fees pilot project:

Vanier: Right now have fees for a few items –example foods class. This year we will pilot removing those fees. Budget has been reviewed and it looks like will not be affected by this removal. Removes a barrier from parents. Goal for the future is to also remove fees for school sports. So many aspects of being on a team that provides benefit to the students and family. Especially students at risk –and many of these students are unable to pay. Busing is the largest part of the fee unfortunately.

Routhier: Fee schedule –fundraisers each year and the funds generated go towards things such as field trips, swimming.

- d. International Travel –Vanier. Need approval from the school board. Discussed a national trip first because it has been a while since leaving the country. Not sure will get approved to leave the country. Passport is also a concern as timeline for a passport is 6 months. ?Quebec in March/April 2024. Fundraising takes about 18months. Quebec is only open to FLA students. It is used as an incentive for French Language Arts Students. Pattern of travel has been Quebec to FLA students and International travel to all students.
- e. Routhier Food Program?: A lot of kids are coming to school hungry...solutions...Need a cook and a wellness coach for this program to succeed. Now very close to having a cook and the wellness coach will start in October. Lunch will be a paid program. The Fruit in the morning and throughout the day will be a free option always available to students. The division provides apples, pulms and pears. Could Routhier have a breakfast program? –would take funding and volunteers. Could possibly add granola bars to fruit bins in the classes. Need funding for the extra food in the fruit bins.
- f. Joe Media is coming back to the area –will be at Ecole Hertitage will be hosting, open to all community members October 3 at 7pm.
- g. Routhier and Vanier have received funding from OLIF which will help pay for French cultural programing during school council. Will be offering free French programing to anyone during the school council meetings, instead of babysitting.
- h. Online ASCA website Anxiety workshop tomorrow and lots of other workshops offered online through the ASCA website. Worth looking at.
- i. National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30, 2022. There is also a link to an indigenous scholarship that is available to apply for.

## 10. Next Meeting/Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. Next meeting October 24, 2022 at 7:00 in person at Vanier in the meeting room with a zoom link.