

Ecole Routhier School and Ecole Georges P Vanier School

Joint Council meeting

Tuesday, May 10 at 7 pm at Vanier

Attendance: Alexandra Brochu, Karen Benoit, Chantal L'abbe, Annette Ouellette, Aimee Andersen, Natalie Lepage, Tammy Langelier, Peter Sutton, Tara Lea, Carmen Labrecque, Terry Valiquette, Lynn Skrepnek, Karin Scholl, Diane Benoit, Robert Owens, Melissa Portelance.

1. Welcome
2. Meeting called to order at 7:09pm.
3. Additions and approval of agenda:
 - a. Additions: 7a) Buddy Benches, 7b) Falher friendship centre planting flowers, 5c) council operating procedures

Agenda approved with additions by Terry Valiquette.

4. Amendments and approval of previous minutes
 - a) amendments to 4c) add chair to elections.Minutes approved with amendments by Chantal L'abbe.

5. Old Business:

A) Review/Feedback on COSC meeting

Alex said we were in good status when compared to other schools in regards to parent volunteers, and attendance of school council members. Comments from other schools were they had lack of council member attendance at meetings, a school fundraiser one of the schools do is approach local businesses to donate proceeds back to local schools (recent decline in funds but still a nice fundraiser), High Prairie school council disappointed in their joint council effectiveness (EW Pratt, High Prairie elementary, and Prairie River schools) as they are finishing their first year attempting this structure. One of the schools had an evening for parents to teach them how and what technologies are used in classes, teachers demonstrated the use of these technologies as it applied to their class.

Trustees reinstated the school travel studies and emphasized importance of having cancellation insurance.

Alex also discussed that there was a Bill 10 survey that was sent out in March and very few people responded, most parents at the meeting were unaware of the survey, and it was resent via email and not just put on the HPSD website.

Alex sent our council's proxy vote with the High Prairie school council representative. The question of continuing COSC meetings in October and April was discussed briefly. The issue being that many teachers and board members have heard the issue's brought to COSC a few times prior to the COSC meeting. Each council was asked to discuss this at their regular council meetings and get back to the superintendent as to how they would like to proceed in the matter.- Our council has voiced that they like the COSC meetings and would like it to continue, suggestion to change date of meetings, and willing to do once a year.

B) Review/feedback of ASCA

Lynn Skrepnek attended the ASCA conference as a director from HPSD. She stated all resolutions were carried with some amendment.

Proposals were: Consent as an addition to the alberta sexual education curriculum, visual resources related to provincial assessments, Individualized Program Plans(IPPs)/Instructional Support Plans(ISPs) and other outcome based tools, LGBTQ access to information, Provincial Support for Transfer Station development in regionalized transportation systems.

Lynn also mentioned part of the conference also involved ASCA president elections and bylaws reviewed.

- C) Georges P Vanier and Ecole Routhier Joint School Council Operating procedures(draft) Karen presented the draft bylaws: revisions made up to and including page 4, treasurer duties.

Due to lengthy time spent up to this point and keeping in mind other issues of agenda, Karen Benoit motioned to table review of remainder of the draft operating procedure to the next meeting, and changing the June meeting to a regular meeting in place of an AGM. Motion seconded by Chantal L'abbe.

6. Council Events

- A) Passed events: Literacy night was well attended on May 5 with approximately 60 people in attendance. Invitation RSVP's were 150 but otherwise the night went well. Thank you to Natalie Lepage for organizing the event.
Bus Driver appreciation: Alex made little baskets for the bus drivers and she called a few parents to help deliver them.
- B) Upcoming Events: Elections and other events, with AGM being bumped from June, recommendations for AGM to be in September with elections at that time for Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurers.

7. What's new at Routhier?

Diane Benoit presented the upcoming events and recently passed events: music alive, swimming lessons(postponed until pool repairs done-hopeful for Friday May 13), track and field June 4 and 6 th(Virtues students will be doing a fundraiser on these days for Fort McMurray), Delf exams just finished with 5F, upcoming wellness week, literacy night went well. All events are on the Routhier school website. Mrs. Benoit will be busy herself in the next month setting up schedules and looking at staffing for the next school year.

- a) Buddy Benches-Chantal L'abbe would like to discuss with RFES and Diane Benoit the possibility of purchasing benches to be used as Buddy Benches. These benches are to be set out and it's purpose is for a child who has nobody to play with to sit on these benches and other children are to approach this child to offer to play with this child. Diane Benoit mentioned that the school and it's staff are actually in the process of making plaques to put on some of the benches in the school yard. Tara Lea mentioned that she is uncertain of the RFES monies and intended use of the casino monies at this time but can look into this request if need still arises later.
- b) Friendship Centre- Aimee Andersen discussed that the Friendship centre in Falher would like to propose to Routhier school the possibility of planting and maintaining raised garden beds at the school with the help of the students and the friendship centre clients. Diane Benoit explained that they have removed all raised beds to the school yard, and

only have the atrium beds left which would not be suitable for such a project since there is no access to the area when the school is closed for the summer.

8. What's new at GP Vanier?

Bob Owen's presented the upcoming and past events at Vanier; as mentioned travel studies program restrictions have been lifted and Bob has sent out a survey to parents of students grades 9-11 regarding 3 possible options for a school trip next year with options being Ecuador/Galapagos islands, Costa Rica or Ottawa/Montreal/ Quebec City; (Bob did mention he would like these trips to happen every 2 years instead of every year); badminton Jr high students brought home medals from zones, Sr high badminton had a few teams go to provincials with Kennedy Turcotte bringing home a medal for our school; Rugby has started and 1st tournament was last weekend and a few more to follow; PAT's have started; 7&8 FLA movie on May 13, Grade 9 student's will be attending the PARTY program in HP on May 18; JH Field Trip 7E/7F/8F are going to greenhouse in HP, Gr 8Y museum in Girouxville/Nampa, and a Metis Presentation is also to take place on May 18; Color night June 9; selection for Valedictorian to be done as soon as Chem 30 results are in, Valediction on May 21; wellness week coming up and Francophone games May 13,14,15 with some of our French students attending; grade 9's are organizing a bake sale for May 13 as an active citizenship project with funds going to Fort McMurray.

Bob Owens himself has been working on student code of conduct and mission statement to hopefully be presented at June school council meeting; he has also started interviews to replace Kristen Blanchette as she will be off for her Maternity leave soon; the staff and Bob are also looking at the possibility of flex blocks in blocks 3 & 4 to help students with tutoring, doing homework with help from available teachers, or band/choir options.

9. Treasurer's Report

GP Vanier balance as presented by Annette Ouellette is \$581.40. Routhier balance as presented by Aimee Andersen is \$306.28.

A) Reimbursement: Chantal L'abbe discussed the possibility to reimburse Natalie Lepage for the expenses incurred in providing snacks for Routhier's Literacy night. There is approximately \$150 remaining in the DVD sales account that can be put towards this. Terri Valiquette made a motion to reimburse Natalie Lepage up to \$150 with proof of receipts for expense of providing snacks for Literacy night, monies are to come from the DVD sales. Tammy Langelier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. Trustees Report

Lynn Skrepnek confirmed the discussions previously re: school board lifting travel restrictions imposed in November 2015 re: travel studies programs.

Lynn also mentioned the trustees will be attending the PSVA(spring general meetings), they will also be attending the official grand opening of Joussard school.

11. Next meeting June 7th at 7 pm at Ecole Routhier.

12. Meeting adjournment at 9:03 pm.