

Rousseau School Council Meeting

Tuesday April 18, 2017

6:30pm – 8:00 pm

School Council Attendees: Kim Strecker (Chair); Helene Monzon (Secretary); Mr. John Gris (Principal); Callum (Student Representative)

Regrets: Laura Hustler

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**Meeting Summary**

1. Student Council Update

- a. Video from Student Council - Callum
- b. Soccer tournament, fundraiser is to sell freezies – Jumbo (Kim to check for Freezies in the Strecker storage) – date TBD... will be in June after fun fair – Mr. Peters, Callum and Mr. Gris will pick a date after fun fair
- c. Pink day was a Success! – Primary had great discussions around accepting others
- d. Pink wristbands and sticky notes were successful – bathrooms, desks received notes
- e. Oh Canada and Announcements – class reps 3,4,5, 6 will be doing announcement, Oh Canada auditions held and Ms. Fawcett will go through and assign who is signing each day
- f. Gr. 6 council reps will help until kids get used to doing this
- g. Groove-A-Thon – April 27, 2017, Play list for Groove A thon – need to go thru and ensure lyrics are all clean. Game room will continue (for kids that didn't want to participate in gym). Consider having multiple limbo lines (instead of just 2 as in last year) – kids will be ok to hold the limbo sticks w/supervision
- h. May 19 – Wacky Hair day
- i. Jersey Day – on May 5<sup>th</sup> – any sports Jersey or Stripes or Polka Dots
- j. Propose “Sundae Day” – School Council asking for \$ to buy ice cream & toppings and “Kim” and other volunteers, \$2/ice cream then .50 for toppings - Kim proposing we approach “Purple Pony” and see if they would provide this instead of providing to Fun Fair – Nutrition free day – thinking about last week of school (Kim will approach Kirby) –

after fun fair > Need Parent volunteers to assist in monitoring the topping station

**ACTION:** Kim to approach Kirby (Purple Pony) re. Sundae Day at school.

- k. Grade 6 celebration – no thought given yet by Student council – date picked – it is June 21<sup>st</sup> (as Track and field is the Friday after) – more details to come – money has already been put aside for a DJ –

**ACTION:** Kim asked whether we would like to do something other than a DJ - we could spend money on lights etc., but DJ could be replaced instead using Spotify – **Callum** to follow up with Student Council as to whether there are preferences

**ACTION:** John to speak to Ms. Fawcett to work through the times (as well as photo booth in library - \$5-7 per photo with families and printed off immediately

- 2. Davey Lumber: 8-9 yards of mulch provided today Davey Lumber in primary area. Additional tree stumps are coming

**ACTION:** John to draft Thank You letter to Davey lumber (Kim and John to sign)

- 3. Staff & Principal Report

- 4. Staff Report

- a. Thanks for mulch
- b. Thanks for organizing drivers for Gr.3 drivers for swim
- c. Thanks for Movie & Karaoke night – raised close to \$740 – Laura and Kim to bring some children down to purchase buttons: **Formal Thanks to Mr. Nathan Fleet for sponsoring and paying for the event!**
- d. Autism Awareness Day – EA brought a few students around to present information about
- e. Day of Pink
- f. Book Fair last Thursday – thanks to parents support, money raised will be used to purchase books – could we offer credit card machine (can bring up sales) – would like to change the date to re schedule to “open house” John will follow up for next year.

- 5. Principal’s Report

- a. Volunteers dinner is next Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>; currently John, Kim and Lara are attending. Others that are able should be able to RSVP up to tomorrow (April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017)
- b. Air Quality: New fans on order and should be expected in next 2-3 weeks. Student Council would a follow up with Tony to say thank you for joining the last meeting. Once

new fans are installed, another air quality test will be run.

- c. Asbestos: Exposed pipes have been covered up – and air quality tests were run – no asbestos in air or tiles. 2 types of testing for Asbestos – Air and tiles themselves – testing conducted (Wednesday closed and then reopened on Friday for classroom(s) impacted). Review of the Asbestos inventory – will be updated – tiles (gym door was scraping the tile – work order was placed to fix the door – board is responding quicker to work orders).
- d. School Improvement Plan: Meeting this Thursday April 20 – Positive Culture and Well-Being – seeing how physical fitness impacts student learning – working with McMaster researchers – 2 classrooms selected – permission forms will go out – 1 Primary class, 1 Junior class. Board researchers coming.
  - i. Aviva participated in review of SOAR program visited Winona school – Donated materials, e.g. tires, wood, etc. > giving children an other place to go to expend energy (e.g. children with autism, anger management etc.) – list of items

**ACTION:** John to connect with principal at Winona to get info on the program

- e. Learning Styles: Confirm Parent funding will fund it – either through School Parent Engagement fund OR H&S. John spoke with Staff and indicated that we will be moving forward. Goal is to have the ready for “transitions” – Gr. 3 and under considered “primary”. Conversation enabler about the child.

**ACTION:** Confirm with Laura and Mrs. Todd re. funding available from School Parent Engagement Fund, if none, then Home & School

- f. Planning for Next Year: John sending a post to parents requesting info to be shared with school for next year. May meeting will present School Organization - #of Classes/Grades (not staff). Ideally parents will be advised on last day of school who their teachers will likely be (of course this may change)
- g. Upcoming Dates:
  - i. Volunteer dinner
  - ii. Creative Lego Club (after school program) – supposed to start tomorrow but moved to next week – start 4-5
  - iii. Junior Robotics Club – Mrs. Bennett
  - iv. Mr. Peters April 28 – Basket Ball Green Acres
  - v. DVSA – lends art to school for the month (May)

- vi. May 1<sup>st</sup> – Music Monday – Sing it Together
  - vii. Open House for May 4<sup>th</sup> – 5:45-6:45
  - viii. Ms. Bottrell May 4<sup>th</sup> Jr. trip to see Rock & Roll (students to pay for transportation)
  - ix. Delegation Night May 8<sup>th</sup> – submit a request
  - x. SK Pic Day May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - xi. Roof-Top school Photo was May 16
6. Kim Strecker wanted to give “Shout Outs” to these teachers for helping a students through a challenging time! Ms. Bottrell for Art & Tutoring, Mr. D - Student Teacher from Redeemer College – Thank you both!!!
7. Budget Report - No budget report - as Laura and Cathy are unable to connect, but all is good
8. H&S Updates
- a. Garden project – movable containers \$645 and Dirt ( all in looking at ~\$800). Some \$ from Beautification budget to buy seeds. Mr. Strecker to come into Ms. Bennetts class to do a presentation.
  - b. Sporting Equipment – asked to Cdn Tire about donating
  - c. Blankets have been purchased found at dollarama
  - d. Shed in Primary end from Costco, but Jr. end still looking for this, and a small shed for garden equipment
  - e. Blue-tooth locks (blue tooth or app) – designed for outside use
- ACTION:** John to ask Cathy to send information out on blue-tooth locks (send to Kim Strecker)
- f. \$200/ for paint for the yard – mulch and painting....
  - g. Picnic tables on hold until how much \$ is raised from Groove-A-Thon –
  - h. Purchase for a locked money box approved, money count procedure
  - i. Will vote on budget for 2017/2018 year
  - j. Outdoor enhancement workday proposed for May 6<sup>th</sup> (tbd) – mulch and paint
  - k. Membership fees (parents pay \$15 for H&S) – consider whether H&S can pay for H&S fees (voted to cover this for next year’s school year)

l. Fun Fair Sub-Committee would like to be formed – don't have to be a H&S member

m. John would like to ask for "speaker" for Track and Field is old and requires replacement (stand speaker). – will consider either via School Council OR H&S > If there are funds then yes we should consider replacing (will need to know what the cost is) – reusable for outdoor or in (Long & McQuaid for quote)

**ACTION:** John to get a Quote from L&M as well as Colin Lapsley re. replacement speaker.

9. ARC Updates – visit Board Website – Trustees will vote in June

10. EQAO – Date starts in May (Tuesday after long weekend) – Tuesday May 23-Thursday, then Monday May 29-Wed. May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**ACTION:** Mr. Peters will connect with Kim regarding a request for parent drivers

11. May 16<sup>th</sup> – Gifted for Grade 6

12. Next School Council meeting May 16<sup>th</sup>

13. School Council Meeting Dates Proposal: Can School Council go every other month next year – consider whether parents are interested in changing? We have a May 2017 meeting

14. OTHER Business:

15. FUN FAIR

a. Can this be done through Cash Online? Kim asked whether we can we do Fun Fair through Cash Online – do bracelets and BBQ via School Cash Online? If we have multiple options it gets more complicated. John indicates that if we do, it would be best to keep it "basic". For Food Options – keep it simple, Wristband and Combos for food etc..

b. John graciously accepted the invitation to be a participant in the "Pie in the face" for the Fun Fair

**ACTION:** At Staff Meeting – can John speak to teachers about Art Auction items for fun fair – May 19<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Art Auction items to be completed. Can Mr. Lees be available for Fun Fair to MC???

16. Meeting Concluded at 8:05pm

Next meeting scheduled for May 16, 2017