

Rousseau School Council Meeting
January 20, 2015 - 6:30-8:00pm

School Council Member Attendees: Mrs. Susan Boshier (Principal), Laura Hustler (Chair), Kim Strecker (Vice Chair), Mrs. Raymond (Teachers' Representative), Tara Hamilton (Treasurer), Kaitryn Campbell (Co-Secretary), Stephanie Gasko (Co-Secretary), Mark B. (Student Representative)

School Community Attendees: Honor H., Danielle C., Leah M., Melissa J., Jason B.

1. **Welcome:** Laura (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Approval of Last Month's Minutes:** Approval of last month's minutes (November 2014) was *motioned* by Danielle C. and *seconded* by Kim S.

3. Reports:

Students:

- *Spirit Days:* January Spirit Day, starting Wed. Jan. 19th Rousseau will be collecting NEW PJ's/socks for children and adults, and gently used blankets to donate to local shelters through Salvation Army. Please send items to school by Wed. Jan. 28. There will be a school-wide Pajama Day on Thurs. Jan. 29.
- An event to highlight using the Giving Tree more this year was suggested.

Teachers:

- *Fit Club:* Gr. 4-6, 2nd break, Mon., Wed., and Fri., hosted by Mrs. Raymond.
- *Floor Hockey:* Gr. 4-6 teams have been organized, sign-up ended Mon. Jan. 19, hosted by Mr. Peters.
- *Feb. Student Council Spirit Day:* SPCA sponsored event.
- *Food Bank Event:* Gr. 6's will be taking this on under the direction of their classroom teachers.

Principal:

- *School Council Fund Spending:* All orders have been placed, some orders have been received, and we are still receiving some items (Current School Council balance is approximately \$5000). A motion was made to spend \$2000 of the Write-a-Cheque fund from the fall, to fulfill the current year's commitment to gym curtain funding. *Motioned* by Tara H., *seconded* by Honor H.
 - *Thank-you's:* From our sister school for Holiday donations. City Kidz sent a letter of thanks. Ancaster Community Services sends their thanks for the Holiday Card Project donations.
4. *School Cash Online:* Instructions will be sent home to register for families to have accounts under children's names to pay for school activities. Info. will come home this Thursday. Please be patient as Administration learns to use the system.
 5. *Upcoming Events:* This Fri. Jan. 23 is a PA Day. Thurs. Jan. 29 is assembly and Spirit Day. Thurs. Feb. 12 report cards go home. Fri. Feb. 13 is a PA Day.
 6. *Transportation:* When there is a tie-up on the 403, Ancaster traffic becomes very backed up. We know that families can become very frustrated with bus delays. An email blast sign-up is available, but families may have to re-register as it hasn't been functioning well. Mrs. Boshier is looking into whether some bus stop times should be re-timed as they are currently not on time.
 7. **Write-A-Cheque Update:** We raised \$2385 in the fall. Thank you to those who donated. This event was initially very popular, but recently has consistently raised around \$3000. Another reminder will go out. A suggestion was made to investigate automatic withdrawal (Mrs. Boshier will investigate the possibility). Next year we may consider more or other fundraising events in addition to Write-A-Cheque. Kim S. will look into doing a Mom-to-Mom sale in the morning (9am-noon) Sat. Apr. 11, with a \$1 entry fee. Several meeting participants are considering making Facebook postings to share the event. If anyone would like to volunteer to arrange snacks during the sale, please contact Kim S.
 8. **Fundraising Ideas:** New ideas are welcome.
 9. **Moms' Night Out:** Could we consider having a lunch alternately every other month? Laura agreed to organize, and will send out the next lunch invite, and will propose dates until the end of the year.
 10. **By Laws & Constitutions Subcommittee:** Meetings will occur soon to develop. If you'd like to volunteer please contact Laura or Kim. Danielle C. volunteered.
 11. **Bringing Technology to School:** The policy is that devices brought to school by students are supposed to be

used for instruction purposes only, and not during nutrition break. Any exceptions should be brought to Mrs. Boshier's attention to be addressed.

12. Fun Fair:

- Tentative date: Fri. June 12, 2015, 4-8pm.
- Silent Auction: Natalie is organizing again this year (thank you!)—many volunteers/items/donations needed for any amount of time. Please contact: natalietombooth@yahoo.ca
- Set-up/Tear-down: Anyone interested please contact Kim Strecker.
- Bouncers: Kim has contacted the company already.
- Denninger's Foods is available.
- Wet/Bucket Event: Teacher volunteers are needed.
- We need more tents—potential exists for sponsorship.
- A Character Photo Booth was suggested.
- We are almost out of "Star" tickets. Bracelets were suggested.
- "Selfie Spots" were proposed (spots where students can take photos for free with friends).
- Art Auction: will be happening again.
- A stage was proposed to do various activities.
- A VIP area was proposed.
- A child-to-parent makeover was proposed.
- Student talent auction was proposed (e.g. lawn cutting, babysitting, art, etc.).
- A dessert auction was proposed, where each class gathered donations to bid on desserts.
- Other new ideas are welcome.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by Kaitryn C. Next meeting will take place Tuesday, February 17, 2015, Council from 6:30-7:15pm, Fun Fair from 7:15-8pm.