

Rousseau Home and Schools Association Meeting

January 31, 2017 – 7:00-8:50pm

HSA Association Member Attendees: Stephanie Gasko (President), Laura Hustler (Vice President), Kim Strecker (Fundraising Chair), Kaitryn Campbell (Treasurer), Lara Hyde (Secretary), Holly D., Helene M., Rhea L.

Regrets:

School Community Attendees:

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

3. HSA Membership: Needed to confirm memberships; those community members interested in joining paid their \$15 annual fee to Kaitryn C. (treasurer). New members who have paid their fees include Laura H., Holly D., Helene M. and Rhea L. Also, a proposal was made to have HSA meetings alternate between Wednesdays at 2:00 pm at the school and evenings at a restaurant or member's home, in order to accommodate more people's schedules. A vote was held and members unanimously approved this decision.

Action Item: Lara (secretary) to confirm with Hamilton-Wentworth HSA via email that the annual fee is good for calendar year, not just a school year. Lara also to ask whether our HSA council is allowed to reimburse members the annual \$15 through fundraising or other means (other events).

4. Finalization of Dates for HSA Events for Remainder of Year:

Special Lunch/Treat Days:

- Hot Dog Day—February 24 (final). This will be an optional parent-paid event. Kim to take the lead. We will offer combos (hot dog and bag of chips) or individual items. We will not be selling drinks, as water bottles are not environmentally-friendly and juice, pop, etc. contain sugar and artificial flavours, so neither option is great. Forms to go out the week of Feb. 6. We will remind children to bring their own beverages.
- Hot Chocolate—March 10 (final). This will be a FREE event, paid for by HSA. HC to be sold at second break. Laura to take the lead. An e-mail/blog post will go out the Thursday prior. We will provide cider as an alternative for those children who can't have hot chocolate. (Action Item: Rhea to look into where we can buy paper cups.)
- Booster Juice—April 21 (final). This will be an optional parent-paid event. Kaitryn to take the lead. Booster Juice to be served at second break.
- Jumbo Freezies—June 16 (tentative). Laura H. to take the lead. Might want to tie in this event with another special day (i.e. Track and Field or Water Day).

Movie Nights:

Next Movie Night to take place **March 31 (tentative)**. Kim to ask Nathan F. if he would like to take the lead. Cost of an annual membership is \$186 (which Nathan has agreed to foot in exchange for sponsoring the event). Next fall will need to plan more movie nights earlier in the year, so Nathan can get his money's worth. It was proposed that we give all proceeds raised from this event (donations and concession proceeds) to a charity. 541 Eatery & Exchange was raised as a possibility. It was also raised that we might want to direct the proceeds to a Rousseau family in need, instead. Council debated this idea and ultimately decided to establish a policy instead, whereby HSA would give a donation whenever there was a death in a Rousseau family (student, caregiver or sibling). (Action Item: Lara to check with HSA executive to see what HSA guidelines are for donating money to charities.)

Groove-a-thon:

Groove-a-thon to take place **April 28 (final)**. Stephanie to take lead. Forms to go home on the Wednesday before Easter weekend. Two people from HSA will need to go in at the end of each day to collect and count the money collected that day (per HSA guidelines). Laura H. to help with the purchase of prizes for the event. It was suggested that we have prizes for the top 5-10 students with the most money raised. Prizes can be Groupon certificates, tech devices (McMaster gives discount), and classroom parties (pizza or sundae) (Action Item: Need to vote on how much to spend on prizes at next meeting.)

Fun Fair:

Fun Fair to take place **June 2 (final)**. Kim has booked the bouncers (put down a deposit). Melissa J. has asked not to be in charge of organizing volunteers this year, so need to find a replacement for Melissa. Helene M. offered that she would do this. Lara H. and Alison E. will be coordinating the silent auction again this year with the help of Rhea, Holly and Helene. (Action Item: Kim to check with Peter (Trent's dad) about running the BBQ this year with the help of other dad's.)

5. Spending of HSA Funds: HSA needs to decide how to spend the approx. \$3500 left over after James and the Giant Peach and bouncer deposit. Some ideas put forth included improving or saving toward replacing playground equipment; refurbishing the basketball court; hiring a landscaping company to level the soccer field; creating a real track or a real baseball diamond; making further outdoor enhancements (i.e. creating a garden). Due to a board mandate to replace playground equipment every 20 years and the upcoming accommodation review, it was decided that it wouldn't make sense for HSA to start raising funds now for new playground equipment.

Action Item: Laura H. to ask Mr. Gris re: about board policy on outdoor maintenance, as well as cost of refurbishing basketball court / levelling soccer field / creating a real track / baseball diamond / garden.

6. HSA Facebook Site: Stephanie proposed that we start an HSA Facebook site to be used as an additional means to advertise/communicate HSA events. No photos of Rousseau children would be used. All Rousseau HSA executive to be assigned administration rights.

Action Item: Lara to ask Hamilton-Wentworth HSA if there are any guidelines concerning this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Lara Hyde. Next meeting March 8, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.