

Rousseau Home and Schools Association Meeting

March 8, 2017 – 2:00-3:20 pm

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

Regrets:

School Community Attendees: Melissa B., M. Fawcett, A. Dunsiger

1. Welcome & Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Kaitryn C. and Laura H. approved the minutes.

2. Free Hot Chocolate/Cider Event: Laura H. is set for the event to take place at 1st break February 24. Kosher/halal marshmallows will be available.

3. Movie Night: Event to take place March 31 from 5:30-8:30. Movie is SING and there will be karaoke before the movie. Nathan Fleet to arrange movie and karaoke. Flyer (Nathan Fleet) to be distributed. Concessions will cost \$1 each. All proceeds from concessions and door donations to benefit Eatery 541.

Action Items:

- Kim to buy concessions
- Laura to get promo clip from Eatery 541

4. Prom Project: Donations will be collected the last week of March. HSA to advertise the event on Facebook page, starting the Friday prior (March 24). Shopping days are at the end of April.

Action Items:

- Stephanie to advertise on FB page
- Laura to print posters for hanging in school

5. Spending of Remaining HSA Funds: Current funds balance s \$4933. Spending sub-committee to meet March 23 at 3:40 (childcare will be available). Mr. Gris to be in attendance at spending sub-committee meeting to answer questions about what the school covers vs. HSA pays for. Rhea L. asked about the possibility of buying "old-school" gymnastics equipment for the gym. J. Gris to answer questions about safety insurance/liability. Need to think about what we can afford short-term as we can't make any big decisions until accommodation review is complete (June). Existing playground equipment has a 15-20 year lifespan so it is close to having to be replaced. For time being, duct tape, cut pool noodles and rubber spray product could be used to improve safety of deteriorating equipment.

Other ideas for spending in the short-term included repaving the basketball court (too expensive?) and creating an outdoor garden. The garden option would likely cost less than \$500 for raised beds and easy-to-grow vegetables. S. Strecker M. Bennett to head up garden project. S. Strecker to build garden beds. Stephanie has a rain barrel she can donate. Outdoor picnic tables are another item for possible purchase. Laura H. to get price list from Blue Imp catalogue. Will also check Costco.

A. Dunsiger spoke about the ELP curriculum having a huge outdoor component. The ideal outdoor area should maximize outdoor learning and include natural elements for gross motor skill development and imagination play (e.g. logs for rolling/playing with). Kim S. to check with Davey for logs and Beswick for mulch.

Kim S. put forth a motion to give \$4000 toward outdoor improvement for spending sub-committee. Laura H. seconded the motion. Spending sub-committee (now retitled "Outdoor Enhancement Committee") to decide how to spend funds. Kim S. proposed that \$500 be put toward outdoor paint improvements. Rhea L. suggested decorating the fence, with each child personalizing a section. Parents might also be willing to donate their time/money/skills to outdoor improvement.

6. Ancaster Accommodation Review: HSA to draft formal letter to send from HSA to school board.

Action Item:

- Laura H. to write letter

7. Other Business: Booster Juice event to take place on April 21. Orders taken in advance and drinks delivered to school. Payments by cheque or cash.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Lara Hyde. Next meeting April 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.