

**Rousseau School Council Minutes  
February 2019**

**School Staff Attendees:** John Gris (Principal); Ms. Aviva Dunsiger (Teacher Representative);

**School Community Attendees:** Lara Hyde; April Burke, Lisa Popowich, Laura Hustler

Regrets: Harmony Maiuk, Amy Wolfe, Danielle Curry, Stephanie Gasko, Limor Bek

**Optimist Club of Ancaster:** Sandra Stokes and Michelle Stokes

**Optimist Club of Ancaster:**

Sandra Stokes and Michelle Stokes from the Optimist Club of Ancaster attended our meeting to donate \$500 towards the Kindergarten Outdoor Learning Fund. They also discussed a bit about what their club does in our community and discussed the opportunity for volunteers to join their club. For more information on how to get involved you can email them at [mfstokes@outlook.com](mailto:mfstokes@outlook.com)

**Thank you to the Optimist Club of Ancaster for your kind donation!!**

**Teacher's Report (Ms Dunsiger):**

- Rams Basketball for grade 5/6 is underway.
- Winter Carnival – Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> led by Mrs. Muschalla & Ms Ali
- Indoor Soccer for grade 4 & 5 coached by Miss Valla and Ms Ali...indoor tournament Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup>
- Lego Club led by Mr. Berg – grade 3-6

**Principal's Report (Mr. Gris):**

1. Welcome and Thank you - for time and dedication - hope you can attend as many meetings as possible - depend on parent's support to provide the best for our students

2. Facilities - The kindergarten shed has been replaced and the soil sample tests came back indicating that the playground is safe for use. Staff are finalizing a list and materials will be ordered by the end of the week.

3. Staffing Update: Mr. Blythe in for Mrs. Stinson - about a couple of months. Mrs. Laws returning half-time in the morning. Ms. Ali will teach the class in the afternoons.

4. Winter Carnival - this Fri. Feb 22 - will be indoor and outdoor activities for all students. Gr. 1-6 students will have the option to go skating. Students in the primary wing will go skating during the first block. Students in the junior wing will go skating during the second block. Parents/ Caregivers are welcome to come. All skaters must have a winter sports helmet and skates. Students who choose not to skate will be able to participate in outdoor and indoor activities at the school. Thanks to School Council for providing hot chocolate during the second nutrition break. Automated phone call went out late this afternoon - reminder about trip forms due tomorrow. Entire day is subsidized by pizza funds.

5. Program Update: Continuing our learning around math - looking at tasks that we assign to students and exploring what the work tells us about student learning - what is present and what is not present with what we see - we connect this with what we need to do next to support student learning. We are also going to start to look at our positive school culture data. Last year our Grade 4/5/6 students completed the Middle Years Development Inventory. We will look at this data and discuss the implications for our students' learning. We continue to look at ways to include the recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Committee in our practice.

#### 6. Extracurriculars

- gr 5/6 families about girls/ boys basketball. Team coached by Mrs. Steinberg

- Junior Robotics team HWDSB Robotics competition in April. Mrs. Bennett and Mr. Johnson

- Ms. Ali and Ms. Valla - intramural indoor soccer league for our primary and junior students. also coach a Grade 4/5 indoor soccer team to compete February 26 - forms home tomorrow

- Mr. Berg, our Grade 1/2 and Gr. 3-6 Lego Clubs have started!

- Mr. Obermeyer - junior checkers team to the HWDSB Checkers Meet on February 27 forms

#### a) School Fundraising

b) gym mats - \$6000.00 - could be reused in new building (lost permanent Velcro - \$500)

c) climber upgrade - \$5446.60

d) Grade 6 speaker - \$300 - guest speaker Evelyn Marie - founder of John C. Holland Awards and Woman of the Year in Public Affairs, the Phenomenal Woman award, and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal. In 2011, Evelyn was inducted into Hamilton's prestigious Gallery of Distinction

#### Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 25 - 28: ACS Food Drive

Feb. 25: Lockdown Drill

Feb. 26: Gr. 4/5 Indoor Soccer Tournament

Feb. 27: Junior Checkers; Pink Shirt Day

Mar. 1: PA Day

Mar. 6: Jr. Oral Communications Festival

Mar. 11- 15: March Break

#### Fundraising Updates:

1) Winter Carnival – Hot Chocolate - free to students

2) Movie Night – Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup> – Nathan Fleet organizing movie and lip sync contest. Tara Lawr organizing concessions. All funds raised will be donated to An Instrument for Every Child.

- 3) Pancake Tuesday – Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>
- 4) Hot Dog Day – Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> – Lara & Lisa offered to help
- 5) Fun Fair – Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> – sub-committee has met once, letter to go home to each family looking for donations, and volunteer support.

LEAD Committee: