

Rousseau School Council Minutes
March 19, 2019

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

School Community Attendees: Danielle Curry, Lara Hyde; April Burke, Lisa Popowich, Laura Hustler, Helene Monzine

Student Council Representatives: Sienna Manzine, Jack

Regrets: Stephanie Gasko, Limor Bek

Student Council Report (Sienna & Jack)

- Sienna and Jack met with classroom reps to brainstorm some ideas for Spirit Days for this Spring.

Ideas presented included

- Spring Themed Carnival / Fun & Free Dame with Games and activities inside and outside;
- Spring Fling
- Sports Day
- Switch Teacher Day
- Students become Teacher for the Day
- Clean Up the School Day
- Buddy/Transition Day

Mr. Gris will discuss these special days at a future Staff Meeting & will work with Student Council to potentially create one or two of these special days.

Teacher's Report (Ms Dunsiger):

- Mrs. Stinson is looking for parent volunteers to help run our Spring Scholastic Book Fair. Volunteers needed week of May 6th. Please email Mrs. Stinson if you can help. Her email address is cjstinso@hwdsb.on.ca
- Music Monday – Monday May 6th. Led by Ms Fawcett and Mrs. Crocker
- Lego Club continues to be lead 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 - Materials and shelving have been ordered and starting to arrive. Waiting to hear a reply about repainting the parking lots lines and resurfacing the basketball court

3. Meeting at AHS - March 28: 7:00 - The goal for this informal get-together is to have a conversation and exchange of ideas to see how CCED can best support your efforts. Some areas we may want to explore are HWDSB channels available to the council to promote special events, student engagement in the community and communication tools the HWDSB uses to pass along information from our community partners. Meeting at Ancaster High on Thursday, March 28 from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm. If your schedule allows, please come for coffee and a conversation about how the Communications and Community Engagement Department can enhance our relationship with your Council.
4. Program Update: March 1 PD Day - examined report card data and student work to determine next steps with our learning around math - staff had time to develop an activity that they would like to try as a PLC - teach, collect student work, assess, share, reflect. Also spent a half-day on positive school culture - with a focus on caring adults at Rousseau - supporting our students so that they feel connected and feel that they have a "go-to" staff member. Looked at different strategies that we can try to increase connectedness at Rousseau. In the next few weeks will be meeting with our indigenous education consultant to look at ways we can continue our learning about implementing our learning around the 7 grandfather teachings and how it can connect with the Downie Wenjak Foundation's Legacy Schools project.
5. Extracurriculars
 - gr 5/6 girls/ boys basketball continues coached by Mrs. Steinberg
 - Junior Robotics team HWDSB Robotics competition on April 3. Mrs. Bennett
 - Ms. Ali and Ms. Valla - intramural indoor soccer league for junior students concluded. Grade 4/5 indoor soccer team finished 3rd
 - Mr. Berg, our Grade 1/2 and Gr. 3-6 Lego Clubs continue
 - Mr. Peters brought a group of students to compete in the Hamilton Indoor games - did very well
 - Mr. Obermeyer - junior checkers team to the HWDSB Checkers Meet also finished 3rd

Spending Decisions

- Mr. Gris presented some ideas for items Evelyn Marie speaker for 6A (\$300), 3/4A & 4A – rocket presentations (approx \$650), Scientists in Schools (approx. \$2800), gym mats (approx. \$6000) The total funds being requested total \$9750.

School Council to approve all of these requests

Motioned by Danielle Curry

Seconded by Lara Hyde

All in favour, No one opposed

Fundraising/School Council Supported Event Updates

- 1) Winter Carnival – Was a great success. Thank you to the teachers and parents that helped make it so great.
- 2) Movie Night – Was a great success. Thank you to Nathan Fleet organizing movie and lip sync and to Tara Lawr organizing concessions. \$500 will be presented to An Instrument for Every Child at Rousseau’s next assembly.
- 3) Pancake Tuesday – cancelled at this time.
- 4) Hot Dog Day – Friday April 12th – Tara Lawr & Erez taking lead. Need some volunteers day of.
- 5) Fun Fair – Friday May 31st – Letter to come home, regarding some Important Coordinator Roles that we are looking to fill. Please consider how you can help.
- 6) Spirit Wear – Thanks to Charlie Coull who will be organizing Spirit Wear this Spring. Watch School Cash Online for ordering opportunities.

LEAD Committee:

- No Updates this month.

Next Meeting – Tuesday April 16th