

Rousseau School Council Meeting
February 15, 2015 – 6:30-8:00pm

School Council Member Attendees:

Mrs. Susan Boshier (Principal), Laura Hustler (Chair), Kim Strecker (Vice-Chair), Stephanie Gasko (Co-Secretary), Mrs. Janet Raymond (Teachers' Representative)

School Community Attendees:

Danielle C., Alex Johnstone

Regrets:

Kaitryn Campbell (Co-Secretary), Tara Hamilton (Treasurer), Leah Maskell

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome

Laura H. welcomed all to the meeting including Alex Johnstone, Trustee, from the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB).

2. Last Month's Minutes

Approval of last month's minutes (January 2015) was *motioned* by Danielle C. and *seconded* by Stephanie G.

3. Review of Action Items

Have kids look at tree. Janet R. Suggested it would be nice to tie this into the pay it forward activities. Leaves could be placed for these activities. Susan B. suggested larger leaves for school wide initiatives.

4. Reports

Student Report

The next spirit day will take place on Tuesday February 24th. Students will be asked to donate \$2 or a pet toy for the SPCA. A list of suggested pet toys and other items in need will be provided. It will be optional for students to bring in a stuffed animal or to wear animal ears, nose, etc. on the spirit day.

Teacher Report

Current Activities

Basketball: Emily Rankin w/ Mr. Bondy, Mr. Clark season is underway

Intramural Floor Hockey: organized by Kai Nunn, gr. 4-6, supervised by Ryan Peters

Checkers Club: Mr. Obermeyer

Junior Choir: Ms. Fawcett

Music Champions: Arts Consultant - artists come and share their 'art', work with students, (Vocal, Media, Dance) gr. 4-6

The Music Champions program is taught by three individuals and includes direction in vocal, media (students will produce a video) and dance. Two dates will be set aside at the end of April or beginning of May for parents to see the results of program.

Kim S. suggested that grade 4s in split 3/4 class also be included in this program. At this time only students in Grades 4-6 classrooms (3 classrooms) will participate.

A BOKS fitness program will be made available for grades 1-3. It will take place before school. Mrs. Crocker will oversee this.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 24 - Assembly 2:40

Feb. 25 - Checkers Tournament @ Ancaster Fairgrounds (gr. 3-6)

Feb. 26 - Gr 4 Medieval Times Trip

March 10 - 11:15 ELP 1 & 2, 1L, 1W, 1/2K, 2/3B Fred Penner (Mrs. Stinson)

March 11 - School Level Oral Communication Festival

Upcoming Spirit Days and Teacher Supervisors:

Month	Spirit Day	Pay It Forward Activity	Teacher Sponsor
October	black & orange	food drive	↓done
November 27	wear blue	prostate cancer	↓done
December	green & red	toy drive	↓ done
January 29	pajama day	NEW...blankets, towels, pjs to donate to shelter	Beth Bennett ↓
February	dress up like an animal, or bring a stuffed animal	SPCA NB#1 bring a toonie or an item from the SPCA Wish list	Michelle Fawcett, and 5/6F
March	Bandaid Day	Ronald McDonald House sponsor a meal for families	Janet Raymond and ELP2
April	Crazy Hair Day	toiletries for women's shelter	still need a teacher
May	?	Cystic Fibrosis	Peter Lees and 1L
June	soccer tournament kids vs parents,	Sell freezies, send a kid to camp (Tim Hortons)	Ryan Peters

Principal

Caretaking update: Elle Howe has gone to another position within HWDSB. New caretaker to start March 23rd. Mr. Phau is now doing daytime caretaking.

Spending: All Chapters money has been spent. Books that were listed on the teachers wish lists have been purchased.

Staff will receive training on Thursday on the HWDSB concussion directive. A copy of the directive will be posted on Ramblings. Flow charts will be posted in school and will be implemented depending on physician

diagnosis. A return to school and activity process will be followed. Concussion history will also be followed.

5. Alex Johnstone – Trustee – with greetings from HWDSB

Concussion policy was discussed at the provincial level. Alex sat on this working group for the previous two years.

HWDSB is conducting a “Prom Project” and is looking for donations that can be used by high school students who are unable to afford prom attire. Donations of dresses, suits, ties, dress shirts, shoes, jewelry, etc. are welcome. On May 2nd, students will be assigned a personal shopper and will be fitted with prom attire. For more information please view the Prom Project on the HWDSB website <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/foundation/student-support/prom-project/>

Three surveys are out right now for consultation: Parent Voice Survey (<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/board/public-consultation/>) due February 27, 2015; Budget (<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/board/budget/>); and Before and After School Care. All parents are encouraged to participate.

There are a total of eleven trustees on the board. Seven of these trustees were newly elected in the last election. Alex Johnstone has been elected Vice-Chair of the trustees by her peers. All trustees are committed to offering a system view of the board as opposed to a view of their riding only.

Director John Molley has been appointed as an Assisted Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Provincial Government). HWDSB had appointed Wayne Joudrie as an interim director but unfortunately has been diagnosed with cancer and will be stepping down from this appointment. Pam Reinholdt has now been appointed to this position until recruitment is completed. It is expected that 4-6 months will be required for the recruitment process that began in January.

Embarking on strategic directions. Achievement matters, engagement matters and equity matters. Two rounds of engagement are expected; one in spring and one in fall.

Accommodation review. The accommodation review for Ancaster elementary schools and Queens Rangers has not yet been passed by board of trustees. Given the changes in the Director position, it is possible that accommodation reviews will be pushed back a year. All elementary schools in Ancaster are scheduled for accommodation review. This is meant to deal with issues such as schools that are over capacity, aging facilities, catchment boundaries, etc. Rousseau is not over capacity (currently at 75%). Out of catchment was closed at Rousseau previously due to implementation of the full day kindergarten program. Other elementary schools in Ancaster are over capacity. CH Bray in need of over 65% repair. When a school is on the list for accommodation review there are no repairs unless there are health and safety issues.

6. Mom to Mom Sale

The mom to mom sale has been cancelled due to lack of interest. This will be rescheduled for the fall.

7. Any Other Business

Stephanie G. suggested that we add a review of Action Items as a standing item on the agenda. Action Items will be summarized in a table at the end of the meeting minutes.

8. Fun Fair

The Fun Fair has been booked for June 12th. A quote has been received from Bouncers (this is the same service provider as last year). The cost will be \$1800 for 3 bouncers, water machine, snow cone machine, generators, and set up.

Natalie is getting the silent auction organized. Both donations for auction and volunteers to request donations from businesses are needed.

There will be no basket raffle this year.

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up; arts and crafts table; cookie decorating; face painting; etc. Kim

S. will put together a complete list of volunteers needed and this list will be posted on the school blog.

9. Other

The next mom's night out will take place on Monday March 9th at 8 pm at Kelseys in Meadowlands.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45p.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by Stephanie Gasko. Next meeting will take place March 24, 2015 from 6:30-8pm.

List of Action Items – School Council Meeting February 17, 2015

Action Item	Responsible Person(s)
Create a list of all volunteer positions required for Fun Fair activities.	Kim S.
Post list of volunteer positions needed for Fun Fair on School Blog.	Susan B.
Organize collection of goods for the Prom Project. Collection likely to take place the last week of March.	Laura H./Kim S.