

**Rousseau School Council Meeting**

**Wednesday September 25, 2017**

**6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**School Council Attendees:** Kim Strecker (Chair); Helene Monzon (Secretary); Mrs. Chantal Fernandez (Teacher Representative); Mr. John Gris (Principal)

**Regrets:** Laura Hustler (Treasurer)

**School Community Attendees:** Leah Maskell; Maeve Grady; Lara Hyde; Holly Davis; Stephanie Gasko; Charlie Coull, Kate Flynn, Limor & Erez Bek; Danielle Curry; Kaitryn Campbell; Katrin C.; Boja P.; Milena Romalis

**School Council & Home and School**

1. Welcome and Thank you - Kim
  - a. Welcome and introductions greeting all parents to school council
2. Approve last meetings minutes – May 2017 Meeting/Old Business
  - a. Approved by Kim and Helene (Helene to post)
3. Popcorn, Chapters night and other proposed events
  - a. Popcorn school council – need new leadership 2<sup>nd</sup> break – 1:30pm (traditionally on Wednesday) – from 1:15pm to 2:00pm commitment
    - i. Maeve G. and Leah M. will take on and transition from Lara for October start
  - b. Chapters Night – School Council/H&S event – choir performs there typically closer to Christmas season
    - i. Laura Hustler helps coordinate this and will continue for this 2017, but looks to hand off to new volunteer for future events
  - c. Spirit Wear looking to be handed off to a new volunteer (Charlie Coull has agreed to take this on)
4. Budget – Laura Hustler has the School Council budget
  - a. Standing total to be obtained from Mrs. Todd
5. Teacher Update – Mrs. Fernandes
  - a. Teacher and Student rep to be updated for next meeting
6. Principal update – John
  - a. Mr Johnson and Mr. Peters – boys 3 pitch, Mrs. Knight – girls 3 pitch
  - b. Ms. Muschalla – Cross Country & Swim team (Mrs. Laws & Mrs. Muschalla) (for students Grades 3-6)
    - i. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> meet at Christie Lake
    - ii. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> swim meet at McMaster
  - c. After school creative club – starting on Wed.
  - d. Reps for student council to be obtained for Oct. meeting
  - e. School Council Elections – defer to Kim after principal's update
  - f. Website orientation – overview teachers communicating via blog or new app called SeeSaw, student agenda, links to services, sign-up for school website communications, special event days (10 days where we are free from provincial nutrition standards) – listed on Principals report/agenda
  - g. Pizza & Milk – Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – email via school cash online
    - i. Q. for School Council on whether to stagger the Pizza from milk – Pizza sold 1xweek, milk 1xdaily – sold all at once (agreed to by School Council) Pizza day is Thursdays weekly (but can be changed if Popcorn day is more convenient on Thursday for Mrs. Grady)
    - ii. Pizza should include a gluten free option, if the our current block is out, then it will be too late to recall and Mr. Gris will send a synervoice/ automated phone call for families with gluten issues to contact the office for dietary issues (synervoice for current block)
  - h. Reorganization – Mrs. Bennetts is now full Gr. 3 (with 20 students), Mr Johnson Gr.2/3 went from 24 to 22 students, Mrs. Muschalla's class is a full Gr.4 and went from 22 to 27 students – happened sooner and advised students on Friday, and moved on Tuesday.
    - i. Mr. Berg is back as well as Mr. Obermeyer. Welcome back!

- i. Fortinos fundraiser – defer to Kim for full update
  - i. Event on Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 at Fortinos – Dave Connelly – will talk to kids about eating, and view of the car - Fortinos chose Rousseau School
  - ii. 100% of food is sponsored with all proceeds going to the school. Sponsors donate the food (hot dogs, sausages, ice cream, freezies, etc).
  - iii. Volunteers needed – 1hr needed.
- j. Sheds – Home & School purchased sheds (jr. and primary sheds – primary shed broken into, junior shed climbed onto and vandalized the ducts/ventilation) – larger shed had to be disassembled but a new location needs to be found – will be secured to the ground
  - i. Shed discussion to continue w/H&S...arrangements made for rebuild
- k. Busing – “thank-you” from Mr. Gris for families being patient, Mr. Gris has been in contact with the bus company and the “transportation website” will get updates for delays on the bus – Mr. Gris has been asking for communications to be added to the website
  - i. Bus timing is off – and need to be reevaluated – particularly taking into account current construction (the high school route gets picked up first, then the elementary route)
  - ii. Morning route and closure of Wilson St. – and transition from High School drop off to Wilson St.
  - iii. Can JK/SK students play as they have to currently stand against the wall? – Mr. Gris to take away and determine what options they might have
- l. Concerns regarding walking paths/routes – walking on Mohawk can be dangerous – can we put forward a motion/petition “Safe Schools” (need to investigate how to communicate safety on the way to school audit)
  - i. Proposal for School Council to put forth a petition to the City for sidewalks – motion to put t ??
- m. EQAO – October Mr. Gris will put forth a report in the Oct. meeting as well as report card data, reading data and overall school plan
  - i. EQAO results will be sent to parents approx. in October
  - ii. EQAO data is combined for last 3 years (which is not quite accurate) – look through school report
  - iii. EQAO results should be received in Gr. 4, and Gr. 7 to parents

7. Elections:

Following Council Positions are available:

- a. Chair (or Chair/Co-Chair)
- b. Treasurer – for School Council (Spirit wear, chapters, popcorn)

Update to the following position

- c. Secretary – co-secretaries Limor Bek & Helene Monzon (thank you Limor!)

**Please contact the office/School Council or come to the next meeting if you are interested in joining the School Council!**

**Anyone can join, and you don't have to fill a position to come and listen and voice your thoughts. Please join us.**

8. Additional Questions

- a. Accommodation Review – Rousseau not on the immediate update, but Board still needs to present a proposal.
- b. Heat – teachers are doing their best to keep kids cool.
- c. ASP – event on Technology Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>
- d. School Council – what night and frequency?
  - i. School Council meeting will go monthly and combined w/ H&S day <Wed & Tuesday> alternate
  - ii. Next Meeting tentatively scheduled for Wed. October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

9. Home & School/Announcement Updates (Lara to provide Minutes)