

Rousseau School Council Meeting
Wednesday April 18, 2018
7:30pm – 8:00 pm (6:30-7:30pm Home & School)

School Council Attendees: Danielle Curry (Chair); Lisa P (Treasurer); Helene Monzon (Co-Secretary); Limor Helpman (Co-Secretary), Mr. John Gris (Principal); Caroline Stinson (Teacher Representative);

School Community Attendees: Lara Hyde; Amy Wolfe; Tony N, Bridget, Laura H.

****Parents – please remember to subscribe for email updates at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rousseau/subscribe/>**

Also a reminder that child care is provided for families attending the School Council Meetings.

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**Meeting Summary**

1. Welcome (Danielle C.)
  2. Approval of March 2018 Minutes – Approved by Laura H., Seconded by Amy W.
  3. Speed Enforcement
    - Concerned brought forward to school community and school representatives as to concerns over police vehicles in school parking lot ticketing speeding vehicles as they pass on McNiven
    - General consensus by the group was that they were not concerned over the police presence on site and much preferred that the police were ticketing speeding vehicles in a school zone.
  4. Staff Update – C. Stinson
    - Volunteers for Mary Poppins still welcome
    - Scholastic Book Fair – Running from May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>
      - i. Preview dates for the children are May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup> with wish lists going home
      - ii. Sale Dates – May 9<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>
      - iii. Younger classes will buddy with older students
      - iv. **Volunteers Needed:** For Set-up, selling during the **school day** on May 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and evening of May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact [cjstinson@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:cjstinson@hwdsb.on.ca) if you are available to help.
- Action:** Mr. Gris to also post request to Rousseau school website and send a synervice asking for volunteers

## 5. Principal's Report

- Mrs. Raymond – thank you, new K teacher joining
- Letter will be going home informing parents – collecting data re. student wellness, students/parents have the option of not participating
- **ACTION:** Mr. Gris to add link providing Math Support for children and families to the Rousseau school website
- Staff/homeroom teachers released Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>, for half the day to meet with John and Board consultants on what a 'B' grade looks like. Discussion on how staff collect information for grading. Staff (K-1, 2/3, Jr. team) also met for half the day to discuss math learning resources. Also discussed what math lessons were left for the remainder of the school year.
- Community rep. asked about Math manipulatives – Mr. Gris mentioned additional were purchased and now distributed to classrooms. March time was spent learning on how to use the manipulatives. Question raised about whether Mr. Gris had reached out to Ancaster about High school volunteers? John approached Ancaster but no co-ops for the beginning of the year.
- Email from the Board re. Principal placement information – Survey – needs to be completed by school chair. **ACTION:** John to advise Danielle where to send once completed)
- School planning for next year – Once again, a notice will be sent/made to parents asking for feedback on placements for next year

## 6. Rousseau Learning Enrichment And Development committee "LEAD" – Amy W.

- Organized out of the March 2018 Meeting – key objective is sharing different ideas/events/opportunities for learning enrichment based on community feedback
- **EVENT:** McMaster is having a free lecture on Anatomy – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – family event
- Amy asked if this information can be communicated out, Mr. Gris mentioned that we can put this information on the website – add details for school council web page
- Parent Engagement Fund – parent engagement night – suggestion is to have it at Rousseau – story telling, and how they got to love writing...cost to have someone come is \$500 for the evening or right after school
  - Telling Tales at the school (John to speak to Fesseden principal) – May 10<sup>th</sup>??? Could we add to open house event?

- Find out what funds are available Danielle to discuss with Mrs. Todd

**UPDATE as of April 26<sup>th</sup> – Telling Tales Event to be hosted at Rousseau on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 @ 6.30PM.**

7. Staff Appreciation – Laura H.

- Funds allocated to Home & School (\$300 tbd)
- Date will be Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- **Volunteers Needed:** If you are available to help please contact Laura Hustler at [laurahustler@royalpage.ca](mailto:laurahustler@royalpage.ca) - looking for volunteers to assist in monitoring children during second break, as well as setup and food donation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm by Danielle