

Rousseau School Council Meeting
Wednesday September 27, 2018
6:30pm-8:00pm

School Council Attendees: Danielle Curry (Chair); Lisa Popowich (Treasurer); Limor Helpman-Bek (Co-Secretary); Helene Monzon (Co-Secretary); Mr. John Gris (Principal); Ms. Aviva Dunsiger (Teacher Representative);

School Community Attendees: Harmony Conti; April Burk; Stephanie Gasko; Lara Hyde; Laura Hustler; Anthony Nicholl; Laura Manzine (H&S Chair); Amy Wolfe

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

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**Meeting Summary**

1. Welcome – Danielle
2. Approval of May 2018 Minutes – Laura H., Seconded by Danielle
3. Staff Update – Ms. Dunsiger
  - Junior Choir
  - Ms. Crocker and Ms. Stinson – rehearsals first week of Oct. (Friday Oct. 5 10:53-11:15 in the library – Primary Choir
    - Indigo Event
    - Assemblies
  - Ms. Fawcett & Ms. Bennett will be running Student Council
    - Gr. 6 Student council elections to be held
    - Class/Student reps. To be selected
    - Leadership discussions in
    - Rubrick created to get leadership experience even if they aren't on Student Council
4. Principal's Report
  - Website Orientation; websites reimaged and new format is what you see

- Check Events Calendar as these are not trigger emails; emails are only generated by posts
- Facilities update – newly painted and toilet seats updated, Parking lines repainted, playground structure renovation (Mr. Gris is working with contractor),
- Pizza and Milk upcoming; orders provide fundraising towards the school
- Annual Fundraising Plan – needs to be submitted to the board (for School Council raised funds)
- 2 Ancaster High students approached school about a fundraiser option (charity selected)
- Athletics – School Constitution that is followed with a Mission Statement
- Spelling Bee team may be started
- Volleyball started soon (1 mixed gender team)
- Spirit Wear - TBD

5. School Council Positions Open for 2018

- Danielle Curry and Laura Hustler as Co-Chair's
  - i. Melissa motioned, Stephanie seconded
- Secretary – Limor Helpman Bek to continue as Secretary, Helene to step down
- Treasurer will continue to be Lisa

6. School Council Meetings will be moved to Tuesday @ 6:30pm

7. Home and School Association Dissolving Home & School

- Motion to continue activities to dissolve by Danielle and seconded by Harmony
- Will target November meeting for voting

8. Milk & Pizza starting; Lunch lady on Monday's

- ACTION: John to follow up with Lunch Lady on success

9. Popcorn – Leah M. will run

10. Financial Update

- As of end of June 2018; \$16,012.18

- Fun Fair made ~\$5200 (Lisa will likely run Fun Fair again)
- Ms. Stinson options for the library, some new tables/seating options, Tech
  - i. ACTION: John will have a Library update for October meeting
- Basic Silver Birch plan selected and provided into each classroom – under current earmarked funds – Danielle motions to propose purchase of the Deluxe sets, Laura M. seconds
  - i. ACTION: Lisa to write \$3000 cheque to cover Forest of Reading to provide to John
- Bathroom updates covered by board (earmarked funds in H&S budget can be released)
- Other options
  - i. Teachers requests? Consider earmarking the usual \$ amount (\$500/classroom and have teachers)
  - ii. Field Trips? (need to be consider local trips)
  - iii. Outdoor events for students are supported by Board (e.g Gr. 6s are going to RBG) – Consider Butterfly Museum, Brantford Zoo, Mountsberg
- Laura H. suggests that we have a sub-committee that will gather the requests and pull together for voting

#### 11. Fundraising Plan – 2018-2019 Reviewed

- Perhaps consider donating funds to a “sister-school”; leadership initiative – have students participating to bring those items to a selected school
- Need some growth opportunity; city kids in Hamilton – breakfast programs; how could we help other schools/other communities

12. No classroom reorganization for 2018/2019 school year.

13. H&S Events schedule posted to the H&S page on the school website

14. Rename it as Facebook School Council (not Home & School); self-nomination forms

15. For school events, can parents have at least 1 weeks notice (but board protocol changed about event notifications – John may need to create posts instead of events)

16. EQAO results are going home with Gr. 4s tomorrow

17. LEAD Committee

- Coat drive coming up at end of October – could a classroom get involved? Amy to reach out to Mrs. Muschalla on whether her class would be interested in participating in “running” the Coat Drive
- Have a look at MICYU.CA
- Brott Education Concerts
- Contact [ROUSSEAULEAD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ROUSSEAULEAD@GMAIL.COM) to share ideas

18. Next Meeting: Tuesday October 16, 2018 (NOTE: All school council meetings will be held on Tuesday moving forward)

- ACTION: John to update school calendar

19. Other items? Academic Updates will happen in the October 2018 meeting,

Meeting closed at 8:00pm