

October 2018 Rousseau school council meeting

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

School Community Attendees: Laura Manzine; Ravi Obhi; Anthony Nicholl; Helene Monzon; ???

Student council members presented their roles and initial agenda

Home and school registered members will be approached (Laura Manzine) to acquire votes for dismantlement/ becoming dormant

Teacher Update (Ms Dunsiger):

Swim team under way, swim meet Fri Nov 23rd at McMaster

Choir - Primary choir will be rehearsing weekly on day 3 of rotation and is planned to perform at schools and events: Remembrance Day, Winter Soulstice scholastic day, Winter Celebration. Junior choir also rehearsing.

Volleyball team began practices

Grade 6 spelling team will be competing at rotary event in Nov.

Principal's Report (Mr. Gris):

1. Information is posted on **school website** - events calendar and widget showing a week at-a-glance.
2. **EQAO**

Rousseau school - EQAO scores and report cards reflect success in verbal skills, specifically reading.

There seems to be a discrepancy between EQAO and report card scores in terms of math skills. Rousseau EQAO math scores lower than we'd like and staff will be drilling down to assess causes and ways to move forward.

Curriculum is based on a spiralling pattern to re-address concepts at grade-appropriate levels.

Resources for teachers to translate curriculum into pragmatic terms.

3. Facilities - primary climbers are being updated.
4. Library - new tables and chairs to be purchased by the school.

Robotic kits introduced, as tools for support of coding learning (will be part of library budget).

Shelving plan for the library introduced - deeper shelves and brackets compatible with existing wallmounts.

This year's funds are planned to go to:

New gym mats -

Technology -

Climbers - \$5400

Basketball court resurfacing - \$4500

Field trips - \$10/child

Spending committee presented budget plan with available funds from home and school fundraising last year.

No objections raised by attendees.

Fundraising events planned for this year:

Coat drive -October - Amy to run

Groove A Thon - Nov 29

Pancake Breakfast - Dec 14

WinterFest - possibly including ice skating - January? To be discussed with staff. Models for skate lending / borrowing to be developed.

Movie Night - February - in conjunction with karaoke?

Hot Dog day - March

Booster Juice - April

Teacher appreciation event -

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Fun Fair

Parent engagement