

**School staff attendees:** John Gris (Principal); Ms. Aviva Dunsiger (Teacher Representative);

**School Council attendees:** Danielle Curry (Co-Chair); Laura Hustler (Co-chair); Lisa Popowich (Treasurer); Limor Bek (Secretary)

**School Community attendees:** Lara Hyde, Harmony Conti, Bridget Scime, April Burk, Laney Haverkamp, Christina Duda, Bill Cooke

**HWDSB Board representatives** Jane MacPherson

### **HWDSB school board discussion**

**Rousseau funding for re-build** the board will be applying again when funding opens up for new school builds. Expecting that will be before the end of the school year. It is still a board priority to get the funding for Rousseau to be re-built.

**School budget cuts** secondary to Provincial budget announcement. Less impact expected at elementary school level - classroom teacher staffing will depend on enrollment - however EPO funding was decreased and other supplementary resources expected to be pulled back.

**EQAO** - an imperfect tool used for detailed analysis of gaps and strengths among students in specific schools and identifying opportunities for improvement of instruction and distribution of resources. A presentation about EQAO will be shared with the school council and a Q&A session organized.

A discussion took place around program planning and distribution of supportive resources across board schools, including how needs assessment and program evaluation took place.

Some questions about parameters for assessment of the full day kindergarten program were brought up.

### **Principal's Report (Mr. Gris):**

1. Student representatives had some suggestions around opening clubs - debate club, skipping club. This will likely be addressed in the next academic year.
2. Students will be leaders on Cram a Cruiser food drive during open house week.
3. SchoolMessenger app rolling out next week for notification re absences and tardiness.
4. Kindergarten shed done and equipped.
5. Facilities update:
  - a. Repainting parking lot has been approved
  - b. Resurfacing basketball court has been approved for copay
  - c. Soccer poles will be refurbished
6. HWDSB track and field on June 21

7. Consideration of a parent suggestion to sell Rousseau parking spots during the Canadian open - school council declines unless a parent volunteer wishes to take on the project.

**Teacher Update (Ms Dunsiger):**

1. Robotics team came home with award from HWDSB coding event on April 3
2. Book fair May 6-9 - looking for parent volunteers (will be led by Bridget)
3. History, indigenous culture and Jamaican heritage learning - school events shared with council
4. Music Monday May 6 - families encouraged to attend
5. Tuesday June 26 grade 6 graduation celebration

**Fun Fair planning (Lisa Popowich)**

Rental games and activities - \$2000

Amy will run the schedule of volunteers

Harmony running Silent Auction with Denise and Ana-Maria

Date for fun fair set for May 31

More parent volunteers needed

**Fundraising (Laura Hustler)**

Spirit Wear sales completed - orders should arrive early May - led by Charlie Coull

Hot Dog day - about \$500 raised - thanks to Tara Lawr for organizing

Staff appreciation May 10th - led by Laura Hustler

Fun Fair Meeting: May 1

Next meeting: May 21