ROUSSEAU SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

October 22, 2019

Minutes

Members present: Kim Strecker (co-chair), Laney Haverkamp (co-chair), Heidi Burrows (treasurer), Allison Assaf (secretary), Harmony Conti, Danielle Curry, Helene Monzon, Beth Bennett (Teacher Representative), John Gris (principal), Suraya (Student Representative), Sloane (Student representative)

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Person
		Responsible
Welcome	Call to order 6:30	Kim Strecker,
		Laney
		Haverkamp
Introductions		
Student Report	- Coat drive has kicked off and will run until November 15	Mr. Gris to
	or possibly earlier. Donations can be dropped off at the	discuss with
	table in the hallway.	Student
	- Spirit Days will all raise money/donations or have	Council
	message. Ronald McDonald House a possible	
	beneficiary.	
	- Upcoming Spirit Days:	
	October 28: Orange & Black Day	
	November: Twin or Multiple Day. Possible issues with	
	inclusivity to be considered	
	December: Pajama Day	Man Danis att
	January: Wacky Hair Day	Mrs. Bennett,
	February: Pink Day – Possibility of getting school shirts	Student Council
	March: Favourite Colour Day April: Rainbow Day	Council
	- Other inititatives: April 8, HWDSB Anti-Bullying Day.	Kim Strecker
	Hygiene Drive to benefit Mission Services. Gift Drive.	KIIII Streckei
	- Introduction of class-led character trait presentations at	
	monthly assembly, possibly based on the Grandfather	
	Teachings.	
Teacher Report	- Approximately 60 students involved in Swim Team,	
l cache Report	meet is November 14. Grade 5 and 6 Volleyball tryouts	
	have started.	
	- Choir working toward a Remembrance Day Assembly, to	
	be held November 11 PM.	
	- Garden and Schoolyard cleanup to be held Saturday,	
	October 26, including the repainting of buddy benches	

	and more 4-square courts on the playground. Proposed future projects include planting vegetable seeds for a possible meal with partner school, Prince of Wales. Members to look into seed donation and organize parent volunteers for the spring/summer.	Kim Strecker, Heidi Burrows
Principal's	Facilities:	
Report	 Climber tripping hazard repair was unsatisfactory, hopeful for a quick remedy. Work order issued for bottle filling station, but safe drinking water still available throughout the school. Supplies for new kindergarten room have arrived. School Annual Plan: 	
-	protocol, possibly including a paid speaker and/or opening it up to the Ancaster community with a Rousseau-specific portion at the end.	Mr. Gris
-	perhaps incorporating the Seven Grandfather teachings. Fundraising The cost of swimming transportation has increased this year. Parent transportation not feasible due to logistics and large number of students involved. Grade 2 partnership with Prince of Wales School.	Mr. Gris
-	Transportation funding is being looking into, possible School Council fundraising requested. Funds to paint the back of the gym can be requested through facilities management and will not require school council funding.	Mr. Gris
Financial - Update (Heidi Pearson)	 Presented status of funds carried over from last year and from this year's popcorn sales to date. 	
Positive School - Climate Plans	 Buddy benches to be repainted during the garden clean- up activity and expanded. 	

	- Messaging to student needs to be emphasized.	Mr. Gris, Mrs.
	Confident older students could model the buddy benches.	Bennett
	 Interest in exploring a student buddy program with children closer in age (for example 1 and 3) to help build lasting cross-graded relationships, or a peer recess monitor program. To be discussed with teachers 	Mr. Gris, Mrs. Bennett
Lunch and snack	- Profit margin on popcorn sales has decreased this year.	
updates	- Booster Juice day to be investigated	Heidi Burrows
Action Items	- Groove-a-thon happening on November 27	
from September		
Spirit Wear	 Ideally in time for Christmas. Items such as grad shirts, towels for swim team possible. 	Jen Brisebois
Teacher Wish	- To be completed shortly and discussed at November	
List Requests	meeting	
Other Items	- Mr. Hempel's class to retake photo	Mr. Gris
	- Boomerang lunch program/ foil recycling	Kim Strecker
Adjournment	8:20	