

ROUSSEAU SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2020

Minutes

Agenda Item	Decision/ Action Taken	Standing Items
Welcome	Call to order at 6:35	
Introductions		
Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upcoming spirit days include Wacky Hair Day (Jan 23), Pink Day (Feb 14), Inside Out Day (Mar 13), Rainbow Day (Apr 24), Jersey Day (May 15) - Indoor soccer and food drive commencing soon 	Mr Gris to discuss raising money for Australian Wildfire relief with Mrs Bennett
Principal Report	<p><i>Winter Safety</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Custodian and contractors are keeping the school area safe and clear - Parking lot safety a concern due as some parents are blocking visibility/ bus routes to avoid snow drifts - -See HWDSB website re outdoor recess policies <p><i>School Improvement Plan: Positive Culture and Wellbeing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on improving feelings of safety and connectedness - Bullying reporting box is being developed - School is phasing out “Simple Six” behavior plan in favour of 7 Grandfather teachings. Lessons reinforced during morning announcements. <p><i>School Improvement Plan: Academics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Junior division math a major focus, including at PA Days. According to metrics, Rousseau students are doing well, but need to ensure that no one is falling between the cracks - Primary literacy statistics are lower than desired, an increased focus in that area as well. <p><i>Labour Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HWDSB to make an announcement re report cards - Teachers will communicate class-level information, but not school-level - No after school extra-curricular activities, but activities during the school day proceeding 	<p>Mr. Gris to discuss feasibility of having snow cleared from the parking lot placed on other side of fence with contractors</p> <p>Mr. Gris to ensure 7 Grandfather Teachings posters are displayed in all classes</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter Carnival may need to be postponed, decision to be made at next council meeting - Anti-Bullying PD Day won't be affected <p><i>Facilities Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playground ramp repair postponed until spring - Jeep on the playground is missing a tire - New Kindergarten Registration banner has been installed - Some concern regarding locks in the girls' bathrooms and children being afraid <p><i>Jungle Sport</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost for 4 days is \$4000, every class could use daily - Possibility of tying it into Fun Fair <p><i>Purchases</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New iPads delivered - Kindergarten books delivered - Request for funds for furniture for a reading nook, approved by School Council, school to provide the rest 	<p>Mr. Gris to inspect Jeep tires to see if there is an immediate safety concern</p> <p>Mr. Gris to inspect locks and consult with facilities if anything can be done to make the washroom more welcoming</p> <p>Mr. Gris to discuss dates and possibility of keeping it open in the evening with Jungle Sport</p>
Fun Fair Yes/No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiting to hear if Jungle Sport can be tied into the Fun Fair, then can decide how to proceed 	
Safe Routes to School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unacceptable parent behavior in parking lot is endangering students, discussed the possibility of phoning parking enforcement 	Mr. Gris to continue to reinforce messaging with parents
Positive school climate plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sufficient anti-bullying books are in the library, discussed possibility of a parent resource shelf in library 	
Teacher requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lego club accepting second-hand Lego, base plates and plastic bins 	Mr. Gris to check school inventory
Community Closet Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In partnership with Bagshaw School, along with a possible book drive - March? 	Kim to liaise with Bagshaw
Adjournment	8:05	