

## **Rousseau School Council Meeting**

**Tuesday April 20, 2021**

**6:30pm-7:50 pm**

**School Council Attendees:** Allison Assaf (Co-Chair); Harmony Maiuk-Conti (Treasurer); April Burk (Secretary); Mr. John Gris (Principal); Ms. Michelle Fawcett (Teacher Representative)

**Student Council Attendees:** N/A

**School Community Attendees:** Michelle Rankin

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### **Meeting Summary**

1. Welcome – By Mr. Gris and Allison Assaf including the Land Acknowledgement.
2. *Student Report* – N/A
3. *Teacher Report* – Ms. Fawcett
  - Staff are preparing curriculums for the conversion to remote learning.
  - Continuing to build strong classroom communities online.
  - Recently received the most recent training of Emotion Coaching. Learning strategies to help students to regulate behaviour and emotions. Current environment makes it more important than ever.
  - Continuing learning of Board-wide equity training of Learn. Disrupt. Rebuild.
  - Day of Pink vs. International day of Pink could be a great opportunity to tie in the learning from Learn. Disrupt. Rebuild. that may not be utilized to its full potential. The board has historically focused on International day of Pink, but due to the pending school closure it was shifted to focus on the Day of Pink in February. The recently purchased Spark reading licenses also support learning of equity and inclusion with more diverse libraries.
4. *Principal's Report*
  - Student Census
    - HWDSB is conducting their first student census in April and May 2021 to identify and address systemic barriers. The data will help the board to make evidence informed decisions that will lead to more equitable outcomes. The anti-racism act and Ontario Education Equity Action Plan requires school board to collect and report on student-based data by 2023. The census will include nine questions, and results will be published. The census is confidential, but not anonymous. The census is voluntary, and parents can opt-out on the parent portal. Questions, and additional information can be found at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/equity/we-all-count-hwdsb-student-census-2021/>.

- Facilities Update:
  - A family has volunteered to build the blackboard for the outdoor classroom.
  - Student bathrooms were painted last week.
  - Mulch was delivered to the kindergarten playground, and the hole has been repaired (\$850)
- Funding Request
  - Spark Reading Licenses were purchased
  - Kindergarten equipment
    - Two Mud Kitchens - \$800 each (Scholar's Choice)
      - a. Alternative quote for \$600 each
    - Project Table - \$1500
    - Mulch Cost - \$850

Council vote on the amount of funds to be contributed to the kindergarten items. Total cost of the purchasing request \$3,950. Motion put forward to approve \$1,900 towards the kindergarten equipment. Purchases to be finalized after verifying with Kim the alternate quote. This purchase was voted on and approved unanimously by the voting members of the School Council.

- Protocols Update
  - Remote Learning Support – Family Support Guide  
<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/remotelarning/resources/family-support-guide/>
  - HWDSB Mental Health Supports – Reminder there are supports available through the HWDSB to help any families through this challenging time.

#### 5. Other Items

- Thank you to Harmony for organizing the teacher appreciation gifts that were very well appreciated by the teachers!
- Update on the anti-racism guest speaker – Ms. Fawcett contacted a teacher-consultant that is part of the equity team with the board. This contact helped create the equity modules used in the recently developed modules and would therefore be a perfect fit to speak to students. We are waiting to hear back on her availability. Regarding the parent portion, Evelyn Myrie is a consultant for HWDSB and is more adult/academic and would be able to proceed with this portion of the more quickly. Alternatively, we can leave this for the fall when hopefully social distancing requirements may allow an in-person option.
- Parent lending library is not feasible at this time due to the constraints of the pandemic. Additional resources that were purchased by parent council in prior years to be looked for in the library by Mr. Gris. Kim to provide the list of items that should be there.
- HWDSB paid app subscriptions are only available on HWDSB devices. Mr. Gris to follow-up with the board to see what options are available for students that are not using HWDSB equipment.

#### 6. Next MS Teams Virtual Meeting: Tuesday May 18, 2021.

Meeting Closed at 7:50 pm