



# Rousseau School Council Meeting – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Location – School Library and MS Teams

ITEM	NOTES
Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	Call to order 6:30 pm Reading of the Land Acknowledgement
Introduction of New Members	
Approval of Minutes	October Meeting Minutes posted online ( <a href="https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rousseau/school-council/">https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rousseau/school-council/</a> ) Minutes approved
Teacher Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Put out a call to staff (this morning) for updates:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Bishop: all getting ready for Winter assembly for Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon. Everyone is very excited! Decision made to split the assemblies into Primary and Junior, with intermission in between with the hope that it is not too crowded (with request of 2 people/family maximum). There will be a whole school rehearsal on December 19<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>▪ Lego club is ongoing</li><li>▪ Junior grades will be taking a field trip to see the Wonka movie</li><li>▪ Mr. Berg's organization is wonderful, parents are loving the week-ahead updates! It is so helpful to receive clarity and updates about what is planned and going on for the week.</li></ul></li></ul>
Principal Report	<p>Staffing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Staffing is steady. Nothing new to report</li><li>▪ Mrs. Knight has returned!</li></ul> <p>December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- movie night planned for December 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm (\$5 includes a snack and a drink)</li><li>- School does have a popcorn machine which school could be used; would need staffing to operate. Moojean to pass along to movie committee</li><li>▪ Last day of school is December 22<sup>nd</sup>, with return on January 8<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>▪ Primary hallway and junior hallway and foyer have been painted</li><li>▪ New (motion-detection, energy saving) LED lights will be installed in the gym</li><li>▪ Paving of the parking lot will happen in the Spring; with additional markings (directional arrows, no parking zone identification)</li><li>▪ Professional Development planned for this week for teachers, and another session in January.</li></ul>
Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mrs. Fawcett's class:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Classes polled about wanting to do Spirit Days! Spirit days on second Friday of every month.</li><li>- Junior students requesting Rousseau Spirit day on the last Friday of every month.</li><li>- Classes brainstormed different spirit day ideas.</li><li>- December Spirit week for the last week before the break: schedule will be sent home (light up day, winter dress up day, Rousseau colours day)</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grade 6 leaders don't support a twin day (to ensure no one is left out)</li> <li>- Special hair days not always appropriate</li> <li>- Mrs. Fawcett will initiate new student voice projects. Grade 6 will brainstorm a prompt for what will be done.</li> </ul> <p>Giving Tree is ongoing: any acts of kindness being valued and added to the giving tree as students complete.</p>
<p><b>Fundraising</b></p> <p>-</p>	<p>Fundraising update for DFS and poinsettias</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Poinsettias raised: \$387.26</li> <li>▪ DFS: \$410.44</li> </ul> <p>Mrs. Stinson can ask teachers what would be on their wish list, and discuss next meeting what could be purchased.</p> <p>Planning for future fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fun Fair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communication for Fun Fair subcommittee to go out in the new year, putting out a request for Fun Fair volunteers.</li> <li>- What could Fun Fair look like (re-imagined)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Winter coat drive update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6 bags donated, including a bag of adult coats, and mittens, hats and scarves. Harmony has delivered. The receiving school is very appreciative!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Safe Routes to School</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safe Routes to School and parking safety need to always be top of mind.</li> <li>▪ Could we look at other communication methods, to ensure appropriate messaging regarding parking lot safety?</li> <li>▪ All parents/adults need to be respectful and not take advantage of Rousseau being lucky enough to have a parking lot for parents to do drop-offs/pick-ups.</li> </ul> <p>C. Stinson: what do we think about creating an informal parking team?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1-2 parents in parking lot with vests on – guiding people to make smart decisions to ensure parking lot safety!</li> <li>- C. Stinson experienced success with this in the past at her child's school.</li> <li>- Addition of pylons for the non-spot at the exit lane?</li> <li>- Could we put a call out for volunteers?</li> <li>- Important to communicate that the position is supported (and backed) by the school.</li> <li>- What authority do by-law have in terms of ticketing 'illegal' parking? We're not sure. Hopefully something we don't need to look into.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p>Groove-a-thon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Possibly afternoon of February 29<sup>th</sup>. Call for volunteers to go out in January.</li> </ul> <p>Fun Fair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How much \$ has been needed at the onset?</li> </ul> <p>K. Strecker: typically about \$1,000 for deposits, etc. for start-up, but costs recouped.</p>
<p><b>Action Items</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plan to send out communication in the new year re: volunteer call out for Groove-a-thon and Fun Fair subcommittees</li> </ul>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	

Next meeting is Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm