



Rousseau School Council Meeting – April 22nd, 2024

Location – School Library and MS Teams

ITEM	NOTES
Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	Call to order 6:30 pm Reading of the Land Acknowledgement
Attendees	M. Seo (Principal) J. Burns (Member-at-large) C. Stinson (Teacher rep) H. Conti (Co-Chair) S. Wellman-Earl (Secretary). P. Walsh (Member-at-large) K. Strecker (Co-Chair) L. Almeida (School parent)
Approval of Minutes	Meeting Minutes posted online (https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rousseau/school-council/)
Teacher's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Fair: first week of May – setup Monday, May 6th; takedown on May 10th. To be set up in the library (3 parents have volunteered to assist). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will fold up tables be needed? Possibly. The tables are on the stage so they can be pulled if needed. - Mrs. Stinson will set up a schedule for classes to come through: initially, first to generate their 'wish lists', followed by shopping days. - The hours for the Book Fair will run into the evening of Thursday, May 9th (during the Rousseau Open House, 5-7 pm) • Fun Fair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a description of the art auction would be helpful for Mrs. Stinson to circulate to teachers • Wish lists: feedback was that it would be helpful to know a dollar amount before deciding on purchases. H. Conti – decide on the wish list items regardless of price so that it can be decided upon once the lists have been created. Provide a range! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - also the opportunity to collaborate between classes/programs - how are those purchases made? Likely more cost effective for Council to order directly - purchase deadline is in May - how do we decide on what is purchased? - \$5,500 available (though \$1,500 for Fun Fair deposits) = ~\$400/class (some classes/programs may put more/less)
Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rousseau will be getting an electronic sign for in front of the school • EQAO details will be shared with families shortly (via newsletter) – provincial testing for grades 3 and 6 students only • May 6th: Music Monday • May 9th: Open House (5pm-7pm) • Kindergarten orientation for new families: May 14th 4:30pm-5:30 pm • May 17th: Jump Rope for Heart • May 24th: Grade 6 triathlon at Ancaster High

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 3rd: Access Athletics will be hosting Special Olympics • June 4th: Track and Field day for grades 3-6 at Ancaster High • June 6th: Fun Fair (4-8pm) • June 7th: PA day • June 11th + 13th: Grades 1-6 coding with McMaster • June 19th: Grade 6 celebration • June 21st: School Board track and Field meet • June 26th: Talent Show • June 27th: Last day of school
Groove-a-thon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All prizes have been redeemed!
Fun Fair	<p>Fun Fair has their own subcommittee who are organizing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be a silent auction: team has been working a lot to get great community prizes - Art auction - Basket raffle - Food: Denningers (pre-order email will be sent to families) – schnitzel, sausage, vegetarian option, coleslaw. They will be on-site during the event - Face painting - Games - Volunteer recruitment is ongoing. Consider posting on Rousseau’s parent council Facebook page - Tables: we have 12 on site at Rousseau. M. Seo to connect with Ancaster High to see about borrowing additional tables. - Rain date: Friday, June 15th - Lots of interest from student volunteers (high school, and previous Rousseau students)
School Council business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council voted in favour of spending funds raised: \$1,500 allocated to Fun Fair • Outdoor equipment/resources: are there restrictions about what can be purchased? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a School Board policy: Outdoor Design Manual (playground apparatus) - M. Seo to follow up about fresh pavement paintings - Dundas Central: Had a great outdoor revamp; would be interesting to see! - Focus group with students (Sarah to lead) as well as planning for Outdoor funds raised
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will Rousseau be put on the list for rebuild? (Question to be directed to Trustee, Amanda F) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - re: discussion on state of the washrooms (fixtures have not been updated since school was built, doors are difficult to lock because the locks do not line up, even after cleaning the smell in the primary boys’ washroom is still unacceptable) - Can parents lead the charge the advocate to the Board? Yes – petition/letters to advocate (include principal, superintendent, trustee on communication) - Circulate draft letter: principal, superintendent, trustee. Sarah and Harmony to draft letter. Encourage parents (via school council Facebook page?) to visit washrooms during Rousseau Open House, and send follow up letter. • PRO Grant: Parents Reaching Out - \$1,000 that can be applied for as a school. Deadline is unknown right now. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can be used for community engagement/workshops - HWDSB grants are also available (i.e. Staples – technology)
Action items	→ Sarah to organize focus group with students re: outdoor spaces

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Sarah/Harmony to lead washroom advocacy effort→ Kim to forward description of art auction to Mrs. Stinson→ Mrs. Stinson to send an email to teachers with more details re: wish lists→ Mrs. Seo to follow up about fresh pavement paintings
<i>Adjournment</i>	

Next meeting is Monday, May 13th at 6:30 pm