



Rousseau School Council Meeting – March 18th, 2024

Location – School Library and MS Teams

| ITEM | NOTES |
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| 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) S. Wellman-Earl (Secretary) K. Strecker (Co-Chair) |
| Approval of Minutes | March Meeting Minutes still to be posted online (https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rousseau/school-council/) |
| Teacher's Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary choir beginning again Tuesday, March 19th and will be gearing up for Rousseau's Music Monday assembly on May 6th. • Groove-a-thon prizes: some teachers/principal have done their prizes. Mrs. Stinson will follow up with teachers to ensure all get completed. • Mrs. Stinson will be taking on Scholastic Book Fair – a call for volunteers will be going out. It will be held during Education week (Monday, May 6th-Friday, May 10th in the library). Classes will have scheduled visits. But extra support will be needed to help host while Mrs. Stinson will be teaching during the day. • There will also be a School Open House during Education week. • Movie night: March 26th 6-8 pm – Trolls Band Together. Mrs. Seo to send email reminder! |
| Groove-a-thon update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$2,418.50 cash raised, cheques \$400, online \$2,706 – great turn out, and no overhead! Total: <u>\$5,524.50!</u> We're still awaiting the funds to be transferred from the Foundation to Rousseau for amount to be confirmed. ▪ DJ was fantastic! He was able to match the music to each group and the kids had so much fun. ▪ Having the Kindergarteners, Primary, and Junior grades separated worked very well and meant it was well-managed. • Still to be decided where money will be spent. |
| Principal Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HWDSB Student Census 2021: details from the School Board to be shared with all School Councils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report available online here for all to review • Review of upcoming dates (to be included in school newsletters) |
| Sub-committee update | Fun Fair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subcommittee formed with a couple of parents to make it happen this year! (The first since June 2019) - Google doc has been circulated amongst members to keep things organized with task list, roles, responsibilities, dates - Thursday, June 6th 4 pm – 8 pm; will also need time to prep and clean up before/after the event. Rain date has been tentatively set: Friday, June 14th |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activity ideas include animal balloons, basket raffle, silent auction, games for kids, face painting, cotton candy, photo booth, Plinko, Princess/superhero visits, bowling, ball toss, popcorn, sno cones. - In the past, Ancaster High has let us pick up/use tables. Ms. Seo to connect with their Principal to inquire. Parents will be needed to transport back and forth. - Art auction? Each classroom completes a piece of art (as a class) and would be given \$10-\$15 to create a piece of art which could then be auctioned off. Voluntary participation as it does take some planning and organization. |
| Book Drive update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim has created a flyer to share and circulate to promote Book Drive • Book drive is running until the end of March. • Kim will sort them and ensure appropriateness. Then someone from the Board will catalogue them. |
| Fundraising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have we spent any money? Do we have plans to spend money? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curriculum enhancement: can be discussed with school council to make decisions about where and how meeting will be spent i.e. do we want to divide it up amongst classrooms, subsidize school trips. - Teacher wish lists are being populated and amounts to be voted on by Council - Proposal: allocate \$1,500 to Fun Fair budget (to be voted on by Council) |
| Last meeting follow-up | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teacher Bios – still legwork involved in writing up those pieces. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Might there be interest in having students involved in doing interviews/write-ups? - Maybe for future planning for next year? - Included in newsletter? Website? |
| New Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensory room update: has been repainted, new carpet. It can be used with an adult (EA, or Teacher). No toys, nothing in the room that would escalate (fidget toys, reflective mirrors, string lights). OT recommended items to buy and how to set up the room. OT will be attending staff meeting, and give teachers some guidance and tips for creating those environments within their own classrooms. • Plans for where money will be spent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do we want to divide it up amongst classrooms? This would be the most 'fair' way to ensure all students are receiving the same amount of subsidization (i.e. \$3 to subsidize a school trip, this same amount needs to be 'spent' on other students). - Gym, library, and French are considered additional classrooms - Deposits for Fun Fair - Wish lists? - Some schools have been fundraising to build up their STEM programs (Board has provided starter kits, but it's not enough!) - How about outdoor space enhancement? There were specific fundraising efforts for outdoor enhancement. We would need a Treasurer report to see how much was spent, how much is remaining. • How about on-site visits from third-party companies? i.e. Rocks & Rings, RBG, JumpStart • External grants are an option too (i.e. Staples) |
| Action items | <p>→ Mrs. Stinson to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask teachers for Wish List (would like to provide teachers with an idea of the amount of money available) |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Circulate Fun Fair details to teachers to ask who interested in participating in events (i.e. pie-in-the-face, penalty box, water sponges) and/or brainstorm any other ideas. Propose art auction to classroom teachers. - Explore whether there is a teacher who might be willing to work teacher bios into their curriculum next year (i.e to possibly have students involved in writing it up) <p>→ Kim to review what is held in the storage closet to see what is there (for Fun Fair) and clean it out.</p> <p>→ Kim to send out an email to Council to ask for approval of \$1,500 for deposits for Fun Fair, and Art Auction funds (\$10-\$15/class)</p> <p>→ Council will be asked to contribute ideas for where funds could be spent</p> <p>→ Cycling safety course</p> <p>→ Mrs. Seo to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - find out the cost of the STEM kits (and how much the current ones are being used). - Connect with Ancaster High Principal re: tables for Fun Fair |
| Adjournment | |

Next meeting is Monday, April 22nd at 6:30 pm