



Rousseau School Council Meeting – October 8th, 2025

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) P. Welsh L. Rossman-Bhattia S. Titov. J. Chang K. Strecker (former Chair) R. Turza M. Demarchi H. Conti S. Buesink A. Longboat S. Wellman-Earl S. Wynne C. Bakker A. Assaf A. Burk C. Barrow L. Kobetz
Elections	- To be included as a member-at-large, individuals must attend the first meeting (either in person or virtually) - Nomination forms submitted for Secretary position (1 submission) and Chair (1 submission) Votes to support: Chair: Allison Assaf Secretary: Sarah Wellman-Earl
Principal Report	- Staffing update/Reorganization: - No reorganization at Rousseau this year - One permanent teacher position became available for JSA – the teacher placed in the position began her maternity leave at the beginning of October, so we are thankful that the LTO teacher (Ms. Dunwoodie) will continue in the classroom until the end of the year. - Facilities update: School security - There is now a security guard on-site: last June the AC unit was damaged by vandals on the roof. - There is evidence that this behaviour has continued through the summer and into September. - The kindergarten furniture has been secured so that it cannot be used to gain access to the school building roof. Windows are now secured; bushes will be trimmed to improve visibility - Request has been placed to put in a light on the kindergarten yard (as a precaution) - Facilities also looking at access points e.g. the railing of the accessible ramp, and how these access points can be managed and limit access Q: Are bathrooms functioning and continues to be in good working order? - Yes as far as we know, everything is in working order. HEPA filters: - Filters have been changed - New units in each of the classrooms
Teacher's report	- School Council teacher representative: pending Council's meeting schedule - Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 1/2 have trips planned. All other classes have Fall trips scheduled with details to be confirmed in the upcoming weeks. Q: Brott Musical Festival in November would be an opportunity available for the entire school community to attend. LRB has asked Ms. Fawcett about the opportunity for Rousseau to participate.

	• Positive Space Club has begun (with Ms. McFadden) • Grade 6 leadership group is organized with Ms. Renton • Monthly assemblies: October, and November are being organized Sports: • 3-pitch teams have finished their season. • Thanks to the leadership of Ms. Seo, the Swim team happening this year, in partnership with a swim coach from Ancaster Alligators • Ms. Bell is leading Volleyball teams for the girls and boys • Cross-Country day just occurred and was a great success. Thank you to Ms. Bennett, Ms. Bishop, and Ms. Sebeslav for their leadership. National Day for Truth & Reconciliation/Orange shirt day: - Each classroom did different activities to learn about the meaning of the day and reflect - Classmates shared their reflections (learning and belonging) on a mural in the front hallway - A heart garden was started near the kindergarten yard School Council by-laws: - The Education Act outlines what the School Council By-Laws should be (3 required) - This year's executive will work to draft by-laws and circulate for review.
Fundraising Plan	• Council Executive will draft a Fundraising plan for how funds will be raised and spent during the school year (due: end of October) • Total available balance: \$22,000 - Projectors still to be ordered Motion: Provide each classroom (including French, LRT, etc.) with \$500 for teachers to use at their discretion. → Passed
Questions	Q: Are Smart Boards being used? If there are not, can they be removed? The Smart Board technology is now outdated, and teachers have had a preference for a whiteboard with a projector. New whiteboards were purchased and installed at the end of the last school year. Q: What resources are available for school purchases/classroom use (e.g. licenses) that maybe wouldn't be accounted for within a teacher's classroom allocation?
Scheduling	Recommendation for School Council meeting schedule: • Second Wednesday of each month
Action items	➤ Draft of by-laws (3) to circulate for revisions ➤ Fundraising ideas ➤ Teachers' wish list/spending plan (outside of their allocated funds per classroom; e.g. their bigger ideas about the big ticket items to support students) ➤ M. Seo to confirm options for projector purchases (allocated from last year's school fundraising initiatives). ➤ Next meeting: Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30 pm

<i>Adjournment</i>	
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