



# Rousseau School Council Meeting – May 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. McKoebie (Parent)
Approval of Minutes	Meeting Minutes posted online ( <a href="https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rousseau/school-council/">https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rousseau/school-council/</a> )
Teacher's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Fair:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Many thanks to Kim Strecker, Harmony Conti, Shayna Wright, Bridget Scime, Monica Zarb, Laney Haverkamp who volunteered and ran the Book Fair for the week!</li> <li>- Amount spent (by Rousseau community): \$5,891</li> <li>- The best option is likely to take the rewards in Scholastic funds (there is a better return). Purchases can be done through the catalogue and website (books, puzzles, STEM activities)</li> <li>- \$2,714.43 in product will be available, plus remaining balance equating to a grand total of \$3,523.63 in the Scholastic account to purchase from the website</li> </ul> <p>Q: Will money be spent by the end of this school year? Likely not. The librarian next year will not be Mrs. Stinson, and therefore, may have their own plan for how the money could be spent.</p> </li> <li>Teacher Wish lists:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have been received from almost each teacher. The outstanding teacher has been approached and will give a day or two to respond.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School sign: Mrs. Seo discussed the concerns that Council raised at the April meeting re: money being spent on a new electronic road fronting sign vs. a shared parent council concern about the state of the washrooms in the school building.</li> <li>• UPDATE: (i) the Junior end will be getting a new sink in both washrooms, (ii) stalls doors will be repaired Caretaking attention: as per Mrs. Seo, the washrooms are cleaned each night (but not throughout the day) Q: What can be done for a deep clean? This is a hygiene and health and safety issue. It needs to be addressed – it is not acceptable. S. Wellman-Earl continuing collect signatures for petition to send to Trustees/Board</li> <li>• Parking lot: Potholes will be done this Spring, but not entirely repaved</li> <li>• Boundary review: Superintendent will look into the status with Facilities</li> <li>• Pavement playground painting: Facilities Supervisor will give sources for outdoor painting and will plan for budget for the Fall.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscapers decimated Kindergarten yard in the Fall 2023. Was told Facilities team will provide replacement (Mrs. Seo has wish lists from the teachers)</li> <li>• Discussion about neighbourhood initiative for community gardening</li> <li>• Notice was sent to families about parking restrictions during the RBC Canadian Open</li> <li>• EQAO: parents were emailed with scheduled dates</li> <li>• Climate Survey: the Board is doing school climate survey for grades 4-12 (done every two years by the Ministry of Education). Parents can take a look at sample questions and decide to opt out (it's not mandatory). Topic this year: Health and Peer relations</li> <li>• Staffing: won't be complete until the end of June Timelines: Parents will be emailed in August that teacher assignment will be available in the Portal</li> <li>• If families have questions or concerns re: class assignments, they should be submitted by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>• Mrs. Bennett will be hosting a volunteer tea on May 22<sup>nd</sup></li> </ul>
Class planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It will be shared with families in June</li> </ul>
Fun Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Stinson has shared newest letter with teachers (for Basket Raffles)</li> <li>• Penalty box opportunity to be circulated to teachers (for a time limit e.g. 5-10 minutes)</li> <li>• Silent auction items being gathered are incredible (50+ items, the community and parents have been very generous)</li> <li>• Volunteer link has been shared for people to sign up (link shared on Facebook page)</li> <li>• Kim prepared and forwarded flyer to be circulated with email regarding preorders</li> <li>• Denningers has come through with great pricing for the food (pre-orders will be sent out)</li> <li>• Bracelets for \$15/child - can take part in all the activities and games, and include 2 tickets for concession items</li> <li>• Additional 5 pack of concession items will be available for purchase – can be turned in for choice of concession items of choosing.</li> <li>• Bring cash! For Art Auction, Silent Auction items, penalty box, drinks. Cheques can be used for Silent Auction.</li> </ul>
Teacher wish lists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 teachers have pooled their \$ requests (1A, 1/2B, 3A)</li> <li>- Most are just under \$400</li> </ul> <p>Q: Are outdoor items meant for all grades to use? Or limited to the classes being taught by Ms. K? A: All equipment requested would be available to all classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$4,940.99 total in requests</li> <li>- \$5,500 is available from Groove-a-thon</li> <li>- Three teachers/classes have requested wireless headphones. Is there a need for 42 pairs of headphones, or can they be shared?</li> <li>- How about a set for Primary, and a set for Junior?</li> <li>- How about a sign out system? There is a supply in the school already, but not a full set. Could we go back and ask the three teachers how these would be used? What would be the curriculum connection for use of headphones?</li> </ul> <p>→ Mrs. Seo to circle back to teachers who requested headphones for further details</p> <p>Grades 1-6 teachers did math PD with Math Consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coding was brought up as an area of development</li> <li>- More coding materials needed for grades 3, 4, 5, 6s</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continued Professional Development is planned for the Fall</li> </ul> <p>Vote on teacher's wish lists:  → Council all approved, minus the 3 class requests for headphones (\$1,200) (to follow up about use for these, and then Council to decide)  → Outdoor spending (Ms. K's expense requests): approved  The links provided from teachers (sent to Mrs. Stinson) can be sent to Mrs. Seo to purchase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The kindergarten teachers had submitted additional outdoor equipment requests (i.e. balance bikes, sand box, ramp, climbing log), however amount is more than what is available in outdoor equipment fund.</li> <li>- Further clarification needed for helmet use for balance bikes.</li> <li>- S. Wellman-Earl to plan grant submission for the Fall (with Ms. K); possibility to submit for equipment.</li> </ul>
Class room photos/school photos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class photos: request to have class photos for each grade – plan for September</li> <li>• School photo: would be fun to bring back the whole school photo</li> <li>• SK celebration photos May 21<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>
Treasurer report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Seo review of funds in school council's accounts</li> <li>• \$8,500 into School Council account</li> </ul>
Action items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Sarah to connect with Ms. K for grant submission planning</li> <li>→ Sarah/Harmony to lead washroom advocacy effort</li> <li>→ Mrs. Seo to circle back to teachers who requested headphones for further details</li> <li>→ Kim to pass along Fun Fair flyers to Mrs. Seo to be circulated</li> <li>→ Sarah to email OPHEA re: balance bike</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	

No meeting in June