

WOODROFFE AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Annual Report September 2020

ABOUT THE COUNCIL

The School Council's mandate is to support program initiatives that enhance the school day for all Woodroffe Avenue Public School students.

COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR:

Council Role

Principal
Vice-Principal

Executive

Chair
Vice Chair
Past Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Fundraising Coordinator
Communications and Volunteer coordinator
Spring Fling Coordinators

Council Members at Large

OCASC Representative
Safe Travel Planning Representative
Health Active Kids
Garden
Outreach
Multicultural Arts Coordinator
Emotional Well Being

Council Member

Megan Egerton
Pascale Evans-Paulen

Melanie Rushworth
Sarah Lemay
Lisa Vandermeer
Erin Morrison
Stephanie Duffey
Daniela Humeniuk
Jen St-Pierre
Jen Rogers & Katie Alexander

Maggie Green
Tricia Ross
Julie Findlay
Carley Schelck
Dayle Kline and Melanie Rushworth
Sarah Futterer
Vacant

A word of thanks for the volunteers who support the activities of the council both as members of the council and its committees, and those who support of the activities run by the council. The combined volunteer hours are immeasurable and allow a broad range of activities to be possible for the students of Woodroffe Avenue Public School.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Following an election held in September 2019, the Annual General Meeting to set the agenda and budget for the year was held in October. A morning meeting was added to expand outreach to a wider audience in November 2019, followed by a January 2020 meeting. More social and informal gatherings of the council took place in December 2019 and February 2020. Based upon discussions at the February gathering the school council executive informed the principal of a decision to return play yard funds that were being held by the council to the school administration funds. The remaining planned meetings were cancelled due to either labour action and the closure of schools in March 2020.

In total there were four official Council meetings. All meetings included the following standard reports:

- Principal's report, by Megan Egerton and/or Pascale Evans-Paulen
- reports from committee members, including OCASC

Meeting [agendas](#) and [minutes](#) are made available publicly on the [school website](#) and shared by the principal to the school community.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Back to School Picnic: Sept 17, 2019

Movie Nights: five family movie nights were planned for Friday evenings during the school year. Not all were possible due to labour action and the pandemic closure.

Craft Fair Canteen: November 30, 2019

Used Book Sale: February 26-27, and open to the public on February 29, 2020

Cake Fundraiser: cancelled due to labour action

Plant and Water Barrel sale: cancelled due to pandemic closure

Spring Fling: cancelled due to pandemic closure

Yearbooks were also sold as a fundraiser this year and delivered by volunteers due to the pandemic closure.

Community Outreach – Based upon council direction at the AGM, 10 percent of all proceeds from fundraising activities (\$6237.70) in 2019-2020 were to be directed to Pinecrest Public School to assist with their in-school programming. This funding of \$623.77 was not transferred due to the pandemic but remains available for use at their discretion and in coordination with the school principal. This funding should appear as a line item in the 2020-2021 budget.

PROGRAMMING WORKSHOPS:

In a typical year the School Council supports Scientist in Schools workshops for all classes; however, this was cancelled due to pandemic closure.

Similarly, the Cultivating Cooks food literacy workshops for Grade 3 classes and a Pass it On workshop for Grade 1 and 6 students cancelled due to pandemic closure.

MULTICULTURAL AND ARTS WORKSHOPS:

Kindergarten Yaki Concert

Grade 1 Dragon Dance workshop

Grade 2 Gumboots

Suzan workshops

About 1/3 of Grants for teachers were allocated

CLUBS AND PROGRAMS

The Soccer Club and the Ski and Snowboard Club were activities that Council initiated and parent supported. These popular programs provide additional support for the physical and emotional well-being of students at Woodroffe Ave Public School. Bursary support was made available on a requested basis and coordinated by the school principal.

BUDGET

School Council Year-End Financial Reporting 2019-2020

Opening balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on July 1, 2019 \$20,601.24. The amount raised by school council during the year July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 \$ 6,237.70. The amount spent by school council during the year July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 \$ 8,295.61. Closing balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on June 30, 2020 \$18,543.33.

*** Carry-Over Spending to 2020-2021 Ski Club \$ 2,035.62

General \$\$ to Spend \$ 16,507.71

Total Spending Budget 2020-2021 \$ 18,543.33

PLANNING FOR 2020-2021

The 2019-2020 school was very different year for the School Council. Visions that were put down markers for in September changed in so many ways thanks to the perseverance and dedication of community volunteers and students. The broad dedication to Woodroffe Avenue Public School as a community was warmly felt to allow for adjustment, changes, and development of contingency plans.

As we begin the process of thinking towards the year ahead, we know the Woodroffe Avenue Public School Council is financially strong. A large number of fundraisers were completed, save for the Spring Fling that is a major fundraiser, while at the same time some expenses were not incurred due to labour action, snowstorms, and the pandemic. Mixed emotions came with the 2019-2020 school year.

School Council meeting dates for next year have not yet been confirmed. Guidance received in September 2020 was that meetings will take place virtually with the assistance of school administration.

Notwithstanding the challenges that lay ahead, in 2019-2020 it was a great privilege to work with the insightful and dedicated community members who continuously come together for the betterment of our children.

Melanie Rushworth

WAPS School Council Chair