



SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2014 - 2015

School: Hespeler Public School

Principal: Julie Lobsinger

School Council Chair(s): Sharon McKeown

Accomplishments of School Council 2014-2015


- Applied for and received \$1,000 Parent's Reaching Out grant. This money was used toward providing workshops for parents. We hosted Garfield Gini-Newman, a guest speaker on critical thinking, who provided an excellent evening on educating parents to encourage our kids to think critically. The remainder of the money went toward planning, organizing, and running our annual Community Fun Fair. This incredible tradition encourages our community to come together while raising money for our school.
- Through the generosity of Bob Cates, award-winning juggler, School Council hosted our first ever Community Juggling Show. This award-winning show allowed members of the community to attend an amazing evening performance with their children at an affordable price with all proceeds from ticket sales going toward School Council initiatives.
- School Council ran our first annual Christmas Social providing decorations and refreshments at our Christmas Concert. This gesture was very well received by parents and encouraged parents to remain and socialize with other parents, council members and teachers following the performance.
- School Council ran a Toy Drive this year collecting new unwrapped toys to support the Food Bank and children in our community. This event was very well received by the student community and we proudly contributed three large appliance boxes of toys for children in need.
- School Council ran our second annual Diversity Month. It ran during the month of April and included classroom presentations and guest speakers. The month concluded with our second Multicultural Celebration evening where members of our school and local

communities set up display booths, sharing information from their culture, along with a "talent show" that showcased a variety of entertainment from many cultures.

- School Council ran our second "Dance-a-thon" fundraiser. This event encouraged students to stay active while raising significant funds for the school. School Council was able to provide funds to the Physical Education Department to purchase items in keeping with our "stay active" initiative. In addition, a portion of the funds were used to purchase a new sound system for the gym which will benefit all departments in the school.
- School Council supported the grade eight students by funding the cost of the photo booth at their graduation ceremony. As was the case last year, this photo booth was a highlight for the kids and allows them to capture memories of their HPS community.
- School Council was able to provide various other funds throughout the year to support literacy and numeracy in the classroom. In addition to providing \$1000 toward home reading materials, Council purchased 15 Chromebooks to be used in the classroom setting.



Chairperson(s) Signature



Principal or Designate Signature

Please share with community in fall 2015

Please submit to Susan Chipman, Administrative Assistant, Director's Office by June 20, 2014.