

CPS 2015 SCHOOL COUNCIL SURVEY FOR PARENTS

CPS School Council is interested in parent feedback about the role of Council at our school. We thank you for taking a few minutes to complete this survey, which will help direct our efforts for the coming school year. Your honest feedback is greatly appreciated.

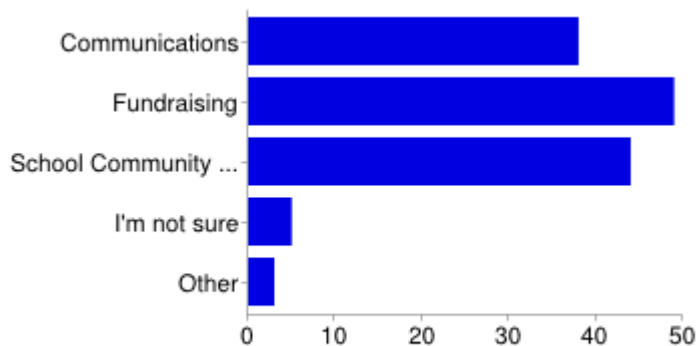
Summary: 56 responses

The Role of School Council

Our mission: To grow and foster a collaborative and respectful environment in which students, teachers, staff, and parents, work together to build and uphold a strong, successful, and positive school community.

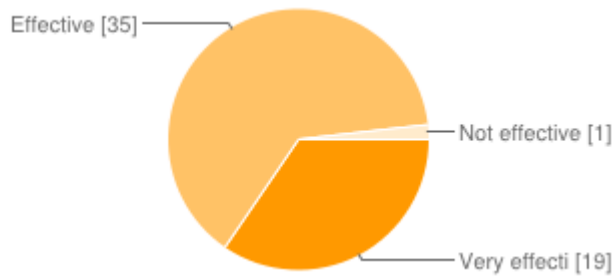
How do we carry out this mission?

What is your understanding of the role of School Council at CPS?



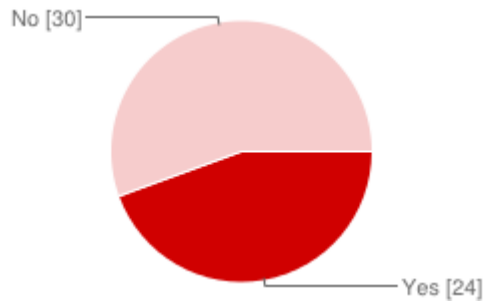
Communications	38	67.9%
Fundraising	49	87.5%
School Community Building (i.e. social events for families/parents)	44	78.6%
I'm not sure	5	8.9%
Other	3	5.4%

How effective do you think school council is at achieving what you perceive their role to be?



Very effective	19	33.9%
Effective	35	62.5%
Not effective at all	1	1.8%

Would you consider becoming a member of School Council?



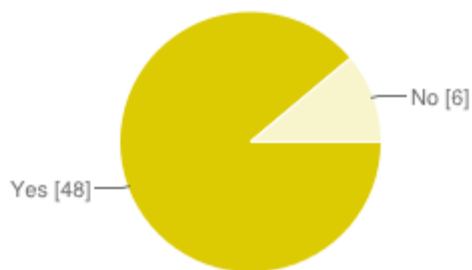
Yes	24	42.9%
No	30	53.6%

Communications

In the past few years, School Council has focused on improving communications within our school community. We have initiated posting information on our school website and working with the Principal to email updates through School-Day.

Our monthly meetings provide the parent community with the opportunity to keep informed about and influence school direction.

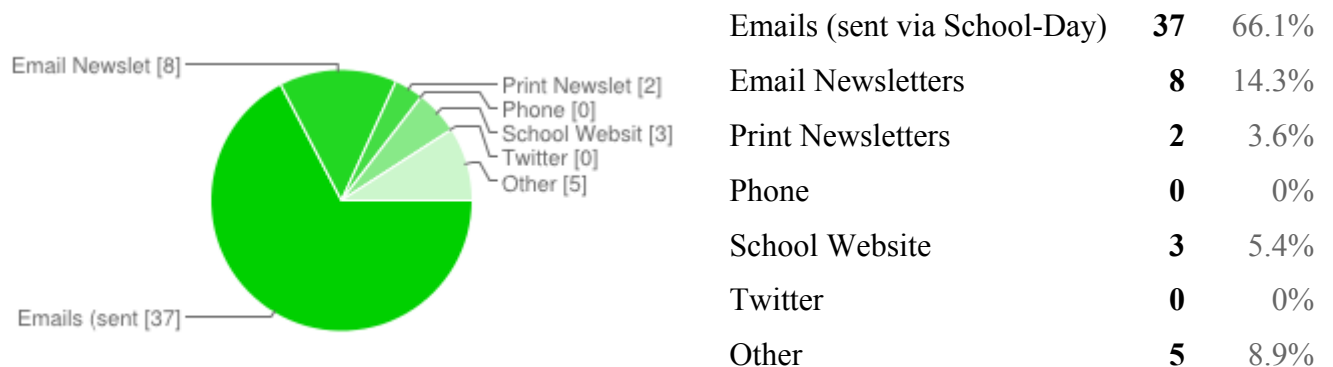
Are you satisfied with the frequency of communications you receive from Council?



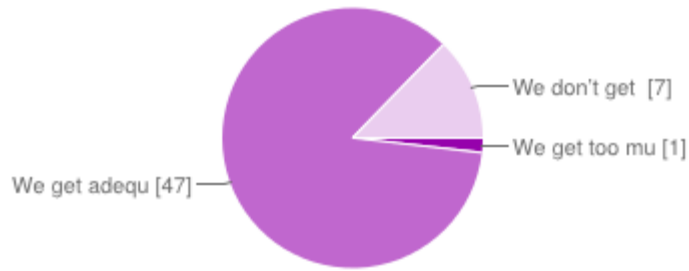
Yes **48** 85.7%

No **6** 10.7%

How do you prefer to receive communications?

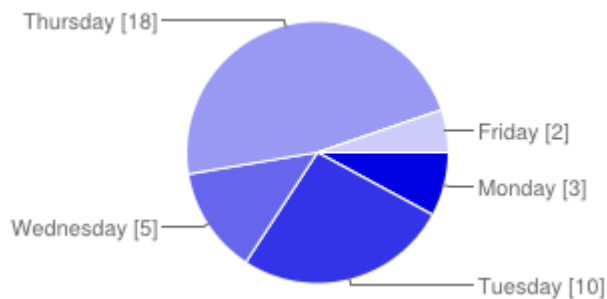


How do you feel about the amount of information you receive about what Council is up to?



We get too much information about Council events and initiatives.	1	1.8%
We get adequate information.	47	83.9%
We don't get enough information.	7	12.5%

If you were to attend School Council Meetings, which night of the week would you prefer?



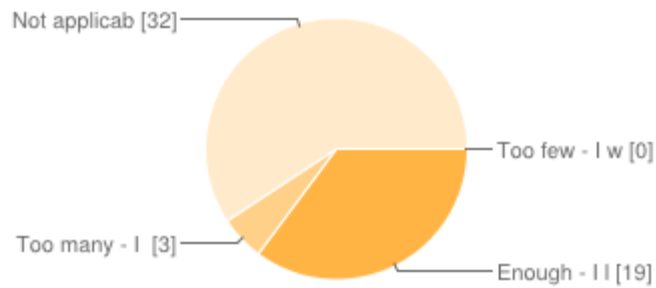
Monday	3	5.4%
Tuesday	10	17.9%
Wednesday	5	8.9%
Thursday	18	32.1%
Friday	2	3.6%

School Council Initiatives

Our yearly initiatives support the school staff and students, including:

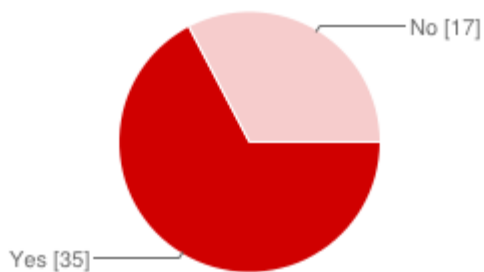
- PitaPit Lunch Program: weekly
- Parent Directory: Yearly, at the beginning of the school year
- Staff Appreciation Lunch: Yearly, in the Fall
- Staff Appreciation Treats: Yearly, in the Winter
- Spring Gardening Bee: in May
- Grant Applications, including but not limited to the ProGrant and S’Cool Life Fund: Yearly
- Parent Survey: Yearly
- Teacher Survey: Bi-Yearly

How do you feel about the quantity of PitaPit days per month?



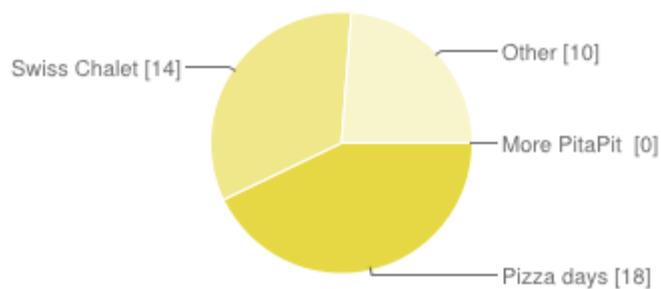
Too few - I would like to order Pitats more often.	0	0%
Enough - I like ordering once a week.	19	33.9%
Too many - I don't order every week.	3	5.4%
Not applicable to me - I don't order pitas.	32	57.1%

Would you consider purchasing additional school lunches if School Council offered another option?



Yes	35	62.5%
No	17	30.4%

If you would like to purchase additional school lunches through School Council, what additional options would you like to see offered?



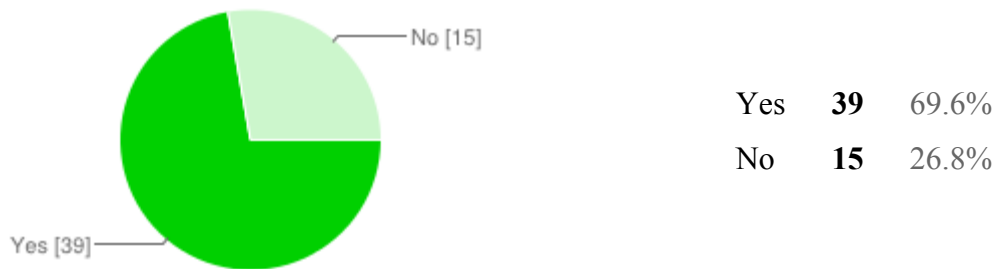
More PitaPit days	0	0%
Pizza days	18	32.1%
Swiss Chalet	14	25%
Other	10	17.9%

School Council Student & Family Fun Events

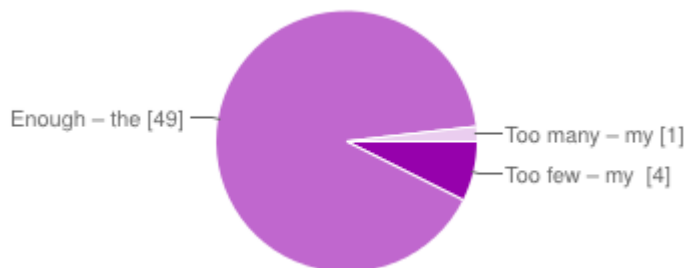
Every year, School Council organizes a number of fun and educational events for students, parents, and families. This year, School Council has organized, or is in the process of organizing, the following student- and family-oriented events at CPS:

- FunFair: Thursday, September 18, 2014
- Fitness Fun Day: Wednesday, February 11, 2015
- Mad Science Assemblies: Friday, March 13, 2015
- “Conestogo Counts” Math Event: Monday, April 20, 2015
- Spring Social Dinner: Date to be announced

Do you regularly attend School Council events?

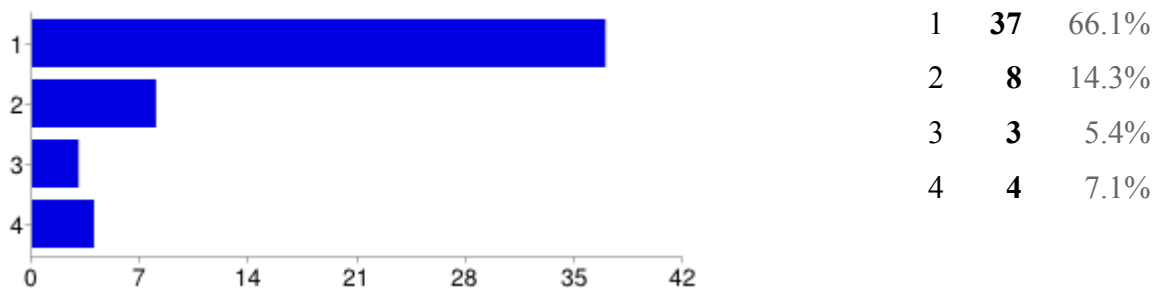


What is your opinion about the number of School Council events run throughout the year?

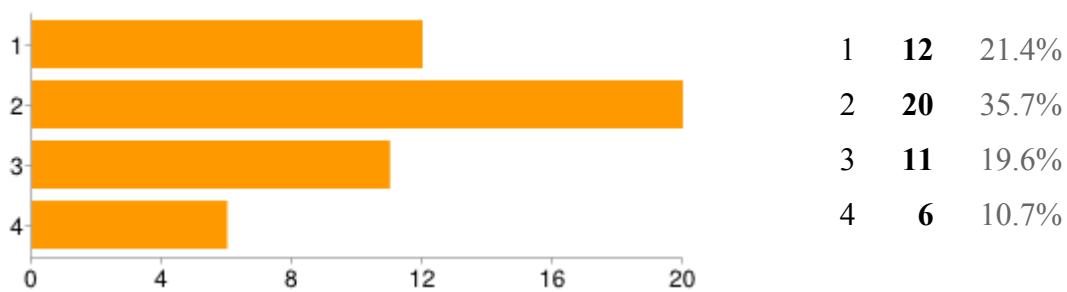


Too few – my family would like to attend more events!	4	7.1%
Enough – there are just the right number.	49	87.5%
Too many – my family cannot attend this many events, we should scale back.	1	1.8%

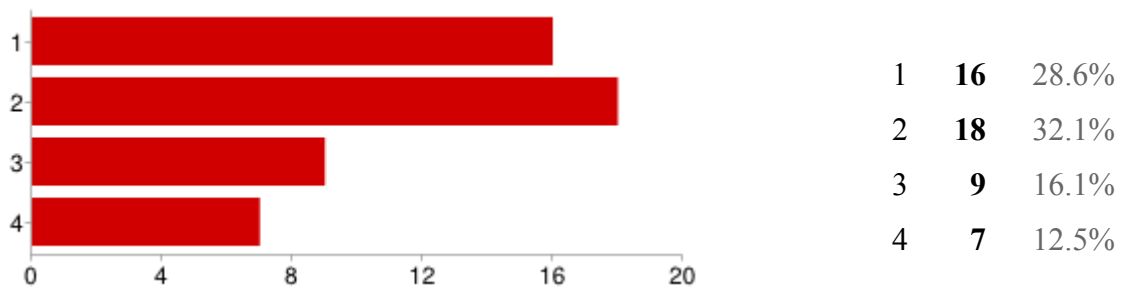
Family FunFair [From which School Council Events most benefit?]



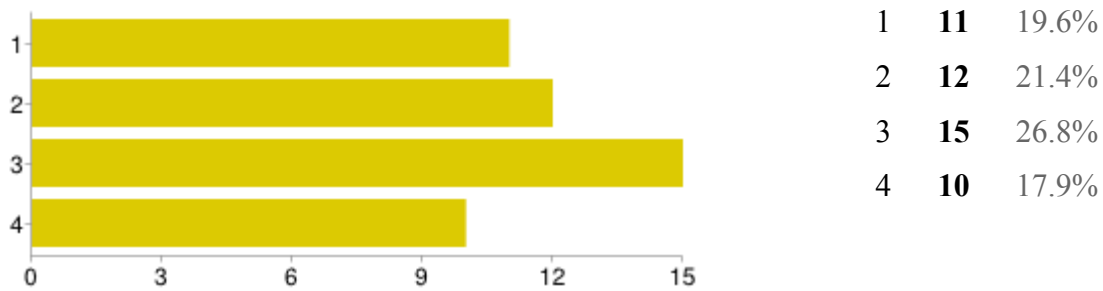
Student Fitness Day [From which School Council Events do you most benefit?]



Educational Events for Parents [From which School Council Events do you most benefit?]



Social Events like the Spring Social Dinner [From which School Council Events do you most benefit?]

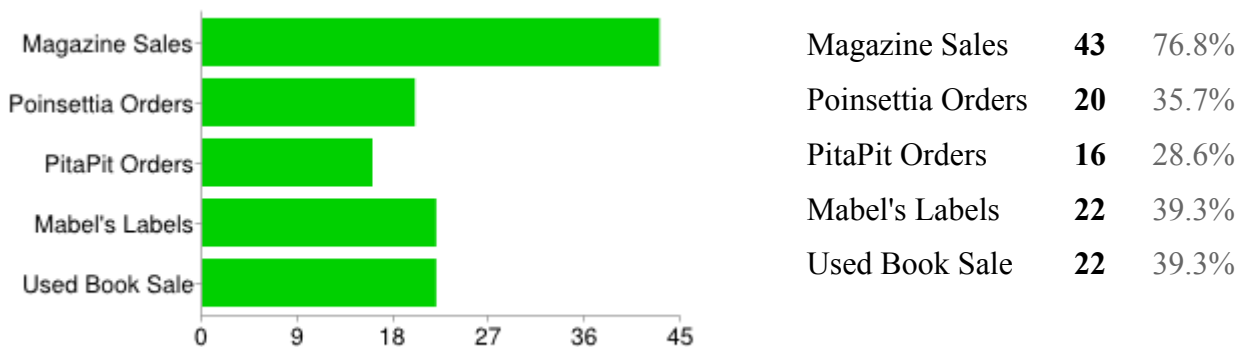


School Council Fundraising

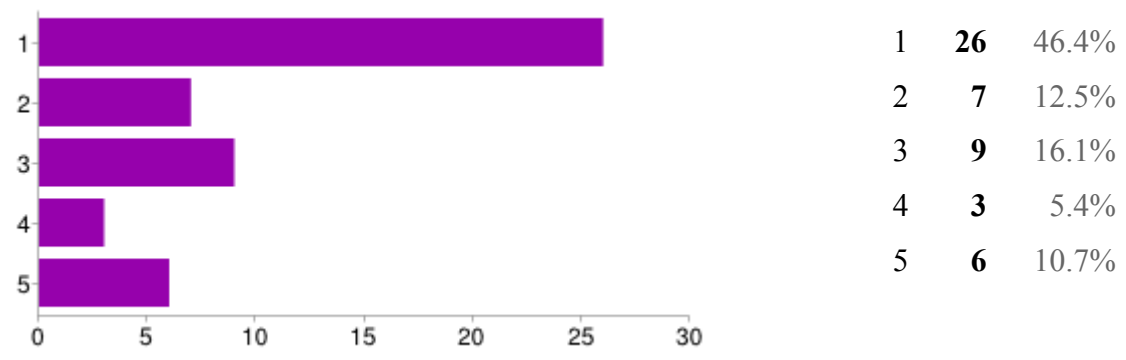
School Council organizes a number of fundraisers yearly. Funds raised benefit our students and school community. This year's fundraisers include:

- Magazine Fundraiser: over \$9,200.00 raised
- Poinsettia Fundraiser: \$537.00 raised
- Mabel's Labels: ongoing
- PitaPit: \$1 from every pita sold goes to school initiatives
- Used Book Sale: in the past, this event has taken place in the spring

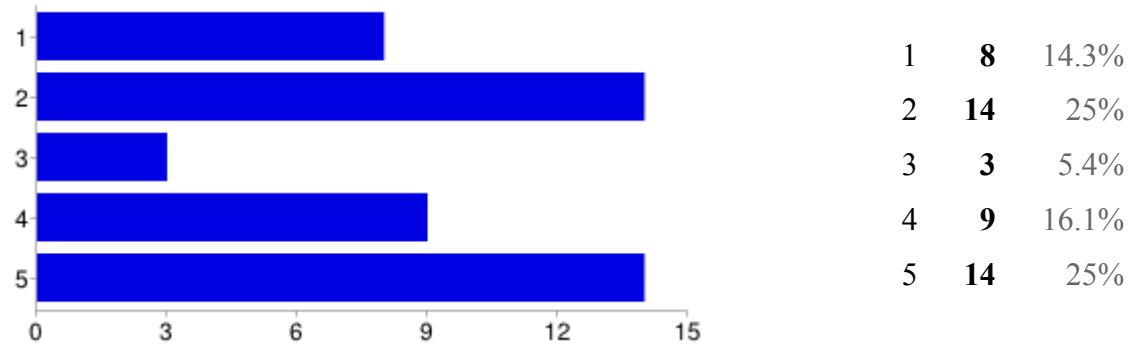
What fundraising initiatives do you participate in?



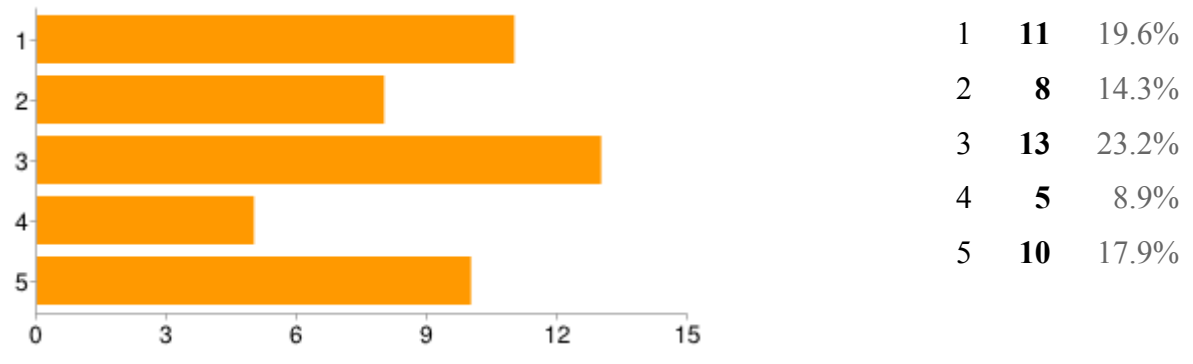
Magazine Sales [What fundraising initiatives do you like the best and the least?]



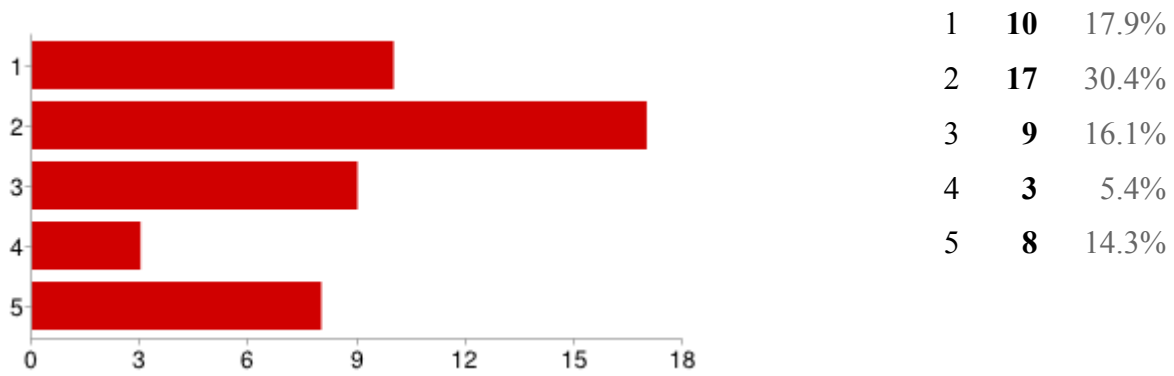
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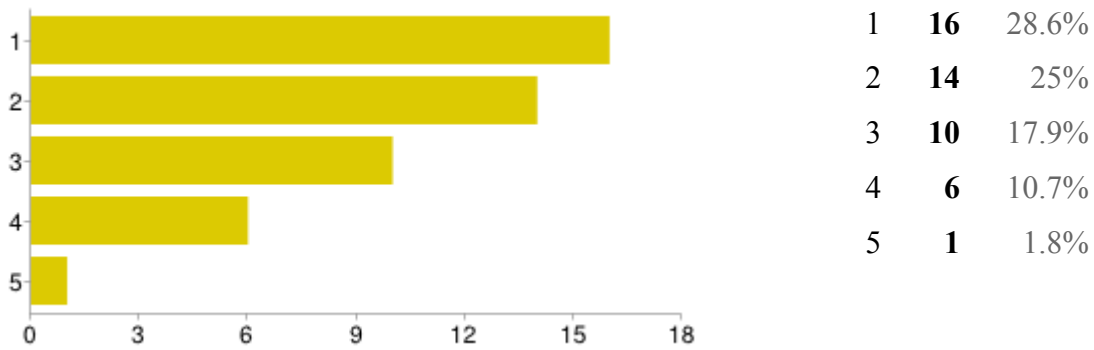
PitaPit Orders [What fundraising initiatives do you like the best and the least?]



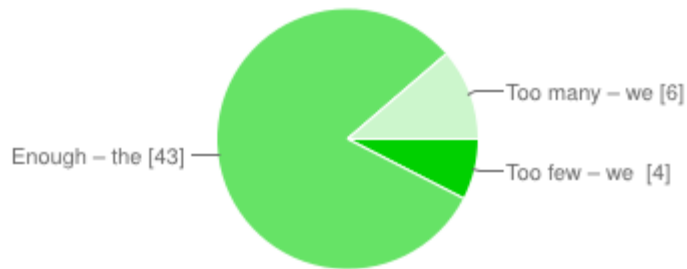
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Used Book Sale [What fundraising initiatives do you like the best and the least?]

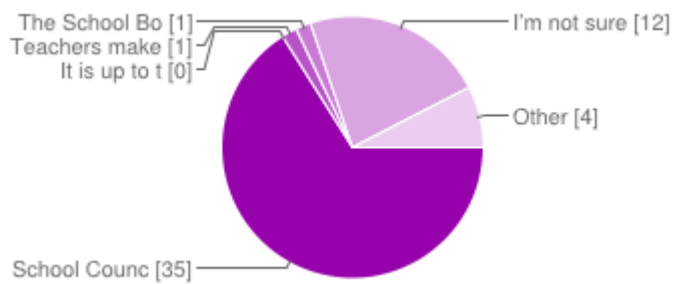


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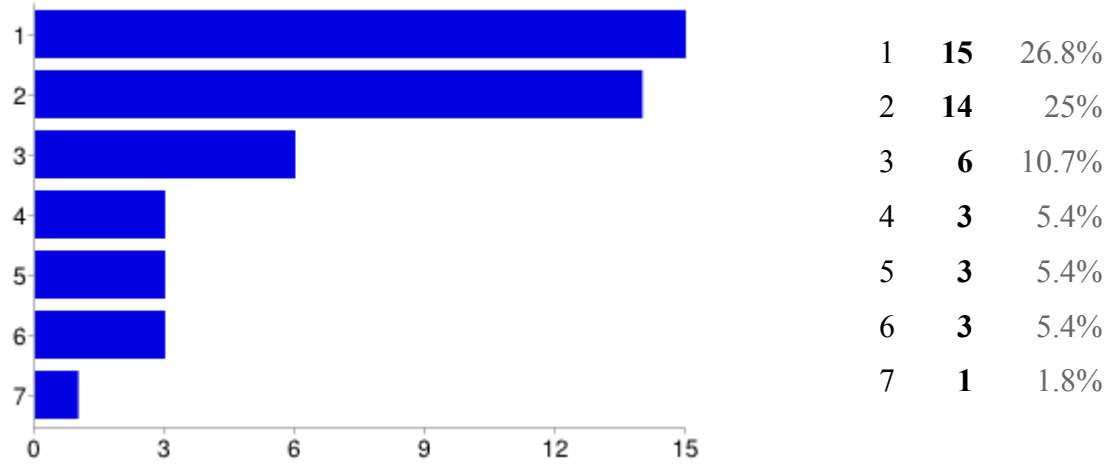
Too few – we should do more!	4	7.1%
Enough – there’s just the right number.	43	76.8%
Too many – we should scale back.	6	10.7%

What is your understanding of how funds raised through School Council are used to support the school?

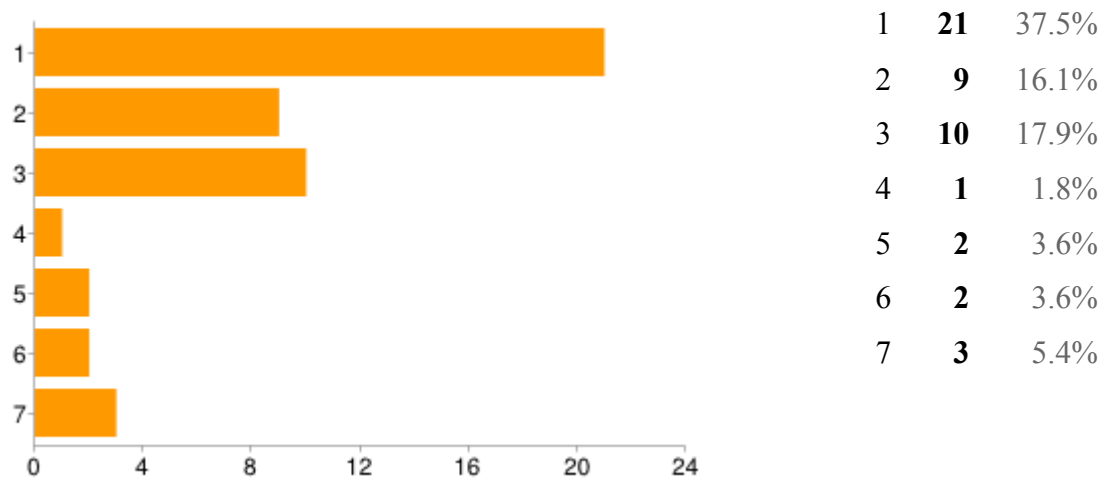


School Council works with the Principal to define the areas of most need.	35	62.5%
It is up to the Principal to decide where funds are spent.	0	0%
Teachers make suggestions to Council.	1	1.8%
The School Board makes the final decision.	1	1.8%
I'm not sure.	12	21.4%
Other	4	7.1%

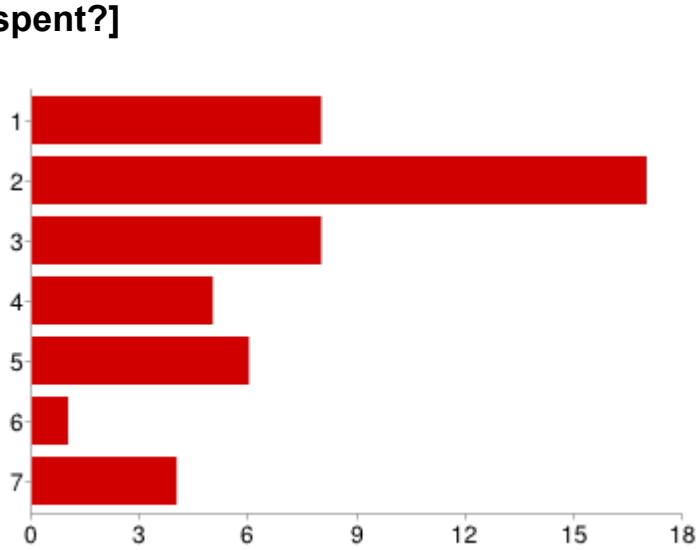
Arts [How do you think fundraising dollars should be spent?]



Classroom Resources [How do you think fundraising dollars should be spent?]

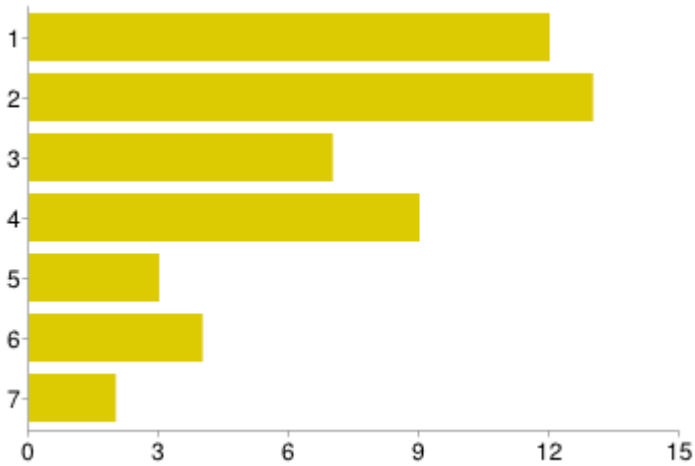


Library Resources [How do you think fundraising dollars should be spent?]



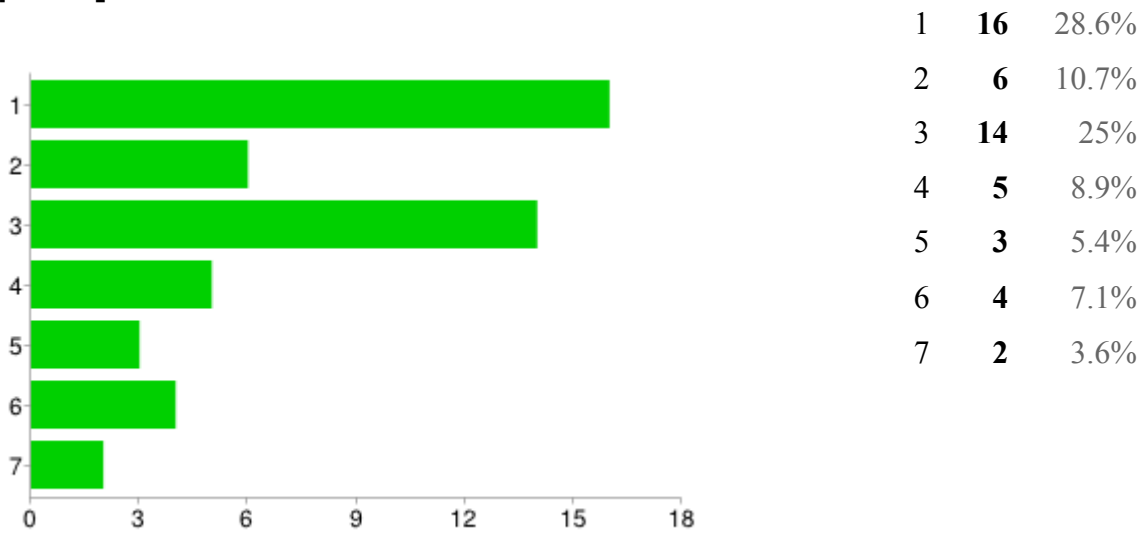
1	8	14.3%
2	17	30.4%
3	8	14.3%
4	5	8.9%
5	6	10.7%
6	1	1.8%
7	4	7.1%

Playground Enhancements [How do you think fundraising dollars should be spent?]

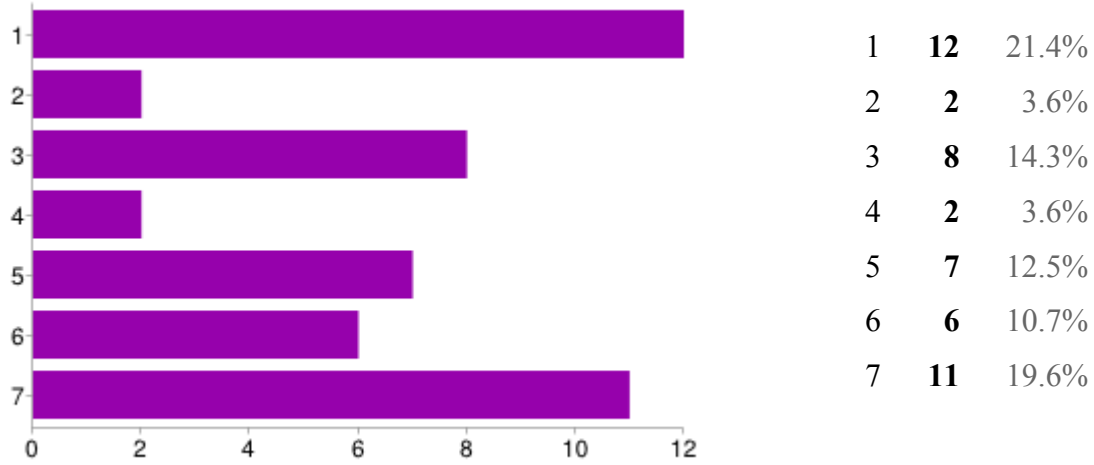


1	12	21.4%
2	13	23.2%
3	7	12.5%
4	9	16.1%
5	3	5.4%
6	4	7.1%
7	2	3.6%

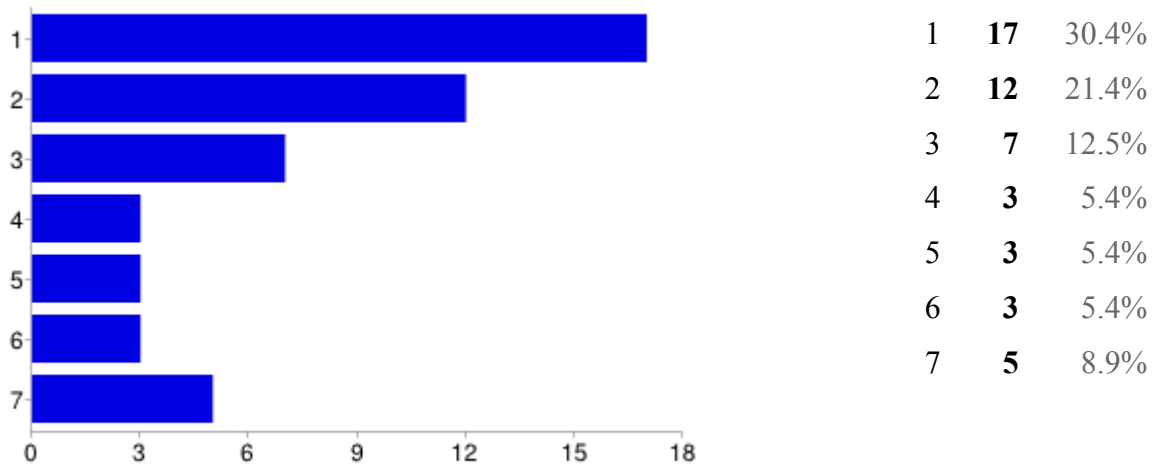
Sports & Recreation [How do you think fundraising dollars should be spent?]



Subsidizing Student Field Trips [How do you think fundraising dollars should be spent?]



Technology [How do you think fundraising dollars should be spent?]



Thank you for your time!