



SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

School: Hespeler Public School

Principal: Julie Lobsinger

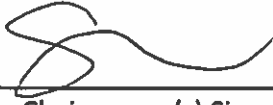
School Council Chair(s): Sharon McKeown

Accomplishments of School Council 2016-2017:

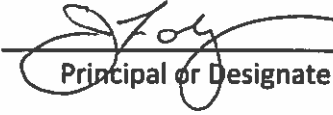
- School Council hosted two parent workshops this year: Children with Worry and Anxiety and Online Safety. The anxiety and worry workshop included guest speakers from both KW Counseling Services and Carizon/Front Door. The focus of this workshop was aimed at providing parents with resources to assist in dealing with children who may experience anxiety. The Online Safety workshop was provided by Cat Coode of Binary Tattoo. This focused on educating and informing parents on how computers (specifically the internet) are being used by school aged children and what to watch for in educating your children in how to be safe and appropriate online.
- School Council hosted its first annual community Vendor Sale with a Council-sponsored bake sale. This event raised funds for our school while bringing our community together and supporting local vendors.
- School Council continued our tradition and hosted its third annual Christmas Social providing decorations and refreshments at our Christmas Concert. The goal was to encourage parents to remain and socialize with other parents, council members and teachers following the performance to foster our school community spirit.
- Through the generosity of the Hespeler Optimist, School Council hosted our second Community Juggling Show with award-winning juggler, Bob Cates. 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 fourth “Dance-a-thon” fundraiser. This event encouraged students to stay active while raising funds for the school. This year, School Council allocated funds raised at this event to be put toward outdoor improvements including updating our school sign.
- School Council hosted our third 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 once again organized and supported our Annual Garden Cleanup wherein council members, staff members and other staff and students attend at the school on a weekend to spread mulch, weed gardens and generally strive to keep up the outside appearance of our school.
- School Council hosted our annual Community Fun Fair. This year marked our most successful fun fair to date both in terms of attendance and funds raised. This is an outstanding event which encourages our community to come together while raising money for our school.
- School Council supported the grade eight students by funding the cost of the photo booth at their graduation ceremony. As is the case year after year, this photo booth was a highlight for the kids and allows them to capture memories of their HPS community.
- School Council supported the kindergarten year end celebrations by funding the cost of the refreshments purchased for the students and their families. Again, the goal was to support an event that encouraged parents and families to stay and foster a sense of community within our school.
- 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 adaptive basketball nets for the Phys Ed department, outdoor equipment for the kindergartens, and purchased 16 chromebooks and 10 iPad minis to be used in the classroom setting.

- School Council also supported the Nutrition for Learning program this year by donating funds to help offset the cost of providing breakfast to the students who attend.



Chairperson(s) Signature



Principal or Designate Signature

Please share with community in fall 2017