

# 2017-2018 School Council Report Form

The following School Council Report was completed in consultation with the 17-18 Westmount School Council Members.

Approximately how many active members sit on your council? \*

- 1-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- 20+
- We do not have an active school council.

How do you recruit new members? \*

- word-of-mouth
- hard-copy distributions home (i.e. flyers)
- school signage (interior and exterior)
- event-based/in-person (i.e. meet-the-teacher events, social gatherings)
- digital communication (i.e. School-Day, school website)
- we do not actively recruit members
- Other:

What methods do you use to communicate with your school community? \*

- word-of-mouth
- hard copy distribution (i.e. flyers)
- school signage (interior and exterior)
- event-based/in-person (i.e. meet-the-teacher events, social gatherings)
- digital communication (i.e. School-Day, school website)
- we do not communicate with our school community
- Other:

**Does your school council actively fundraise? \***

- Yes
- No

## Fundraising

Please note that for this survey's purpose "fundraising" does not include money awarded via grants. A separate section below will cover that area.

**Approximately how much money did your school council raise through fundraising this year? \***

\$13,000 approx.

**What methods do you use for fundraising? \***

- product sales
- in-school food sales
- events
- direct donations
- Other:

**What was your most financially successful fundraiser this school year?**

Pizza Fridays

**What materials or supplies did the council provide to the school community?**

Funding for four Little Libraries for the school's property, musical instruments, JK/SK home reading books, funding for the Science Fair, Funding for Mittens for students without mittens, funding for each student for a field trip subsidy, t-shirts for the Wild Leaders, funding for the Author Event and Family Reading, funding for a welcome cookie and lemonade reception during Meet the Teacher Night, and School Council supplied funds for a large Breakfast Club program and supplied funds for a Lunch Club program, baked goods for the Staff of Westmount as a thank you before the Winter Break and at the end of the school year, School Council gave money to add to a grant that the Westmount Neighbourhood Association received to give out 160 family swim passes through the 2018 summer for Westmount families in support of the Westmount Neighbourhood Association's Swim Away from Screens program funded by Healthy Kids Community Challenge Waterloo Region

## Grants

Did your school council apply for any grants this year? \*

- Yes
- No

## Grants - Details

Which grants did your school apply for? \*

- PRO (Parents Reaching Out)
- Other:

Was your school successful in their grant application? \*

- Yes
- No

How much money was your school awarded? \*

\$3,350

What was the grant used for?

The Writer's Union Grant was used to pay for part of the author event when an author visited with the students for a day, we had an outdoor skating rink on school property, we distributed 160 family swim passes through the Westmount Neighbourhood Association, we bought food for our Breakfast Club program

## School Events

What events did your council host or help support this school year? If you were not involved in any events please leave blank.

A Cookie and Lemonade Welcome Reception during Meet the Teacher Night, Science Nights with University of Waterloo's Let's Talk Science, Mitten Drive, The 6th Annual Clothing Swap where we gave out over 100 Coats with help from KW Bilingual School, The Outdoor Skating Rink, The Science Fair,

The Author Event, Family Reading Night, The End of the Year Picnic, and Breakfast and Lunch Club daily, Pizza Fridays

**Which event from this school year would you consider your most successful for non-financial reasons? (optional)**

The Science Fair is our biggest and best attended event of the year which includes the participation of many of our school community families. An avid interest in Science and STEM fields is shared throughout much our extremely diverse school community.

## General thoughts

The following responses are optional but we look forward to any feedback you might like to submit.

**What do you consider your council's primary major accomplishment for the 2017-2018 school year?**

We succeeded in implementing the plan that we put into place at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. We continued to run every project and event that we planned including a new event, a year end picnic.

**What do you find are your biggest challenges as a council?**

We were in a period of transition at Westmount PS. during this school year as our school community welcomed an unusually large number of new Staff members.

**What goals are your council working toward for the 2018-2019 school year?**

To continue to support our Clothing Swap, Breakfast Club and Lunch Club programs which we fund through Pizza Fridays. Making sure that our families are fed and warm is very important to School Council.

**What suggestions do you have for WRDSB to help support your work?**

## Submission

**Name of individual filling out this form: \***

Christine Carmody

**Name of council Chairperson: \***

Christine Carmody

**Name of school principal (or designate): \* Carolyn Griffiths**

