

Best Practices

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Grants

Parent Reaching Out Grant (PRO Grant) what has your school council used the funds for?

- Speakers related to child wellness and events for the school community (family shows, math night, etc).
- parent events and resources
- Health and Wellness Fair
- A lending library
- Math night, Art and Mental health night, Nature connection
- We had a speaker (zoom) talk to the students (Grades 7 & 8) about internet safety.
- Math trivia night, outdoor type learning books, home reading books by racialized authors
- Science Night
- Guest speakers
- Ripple Effect training, parents and caregivers' information sessions on teens' mental health and nutrition, a Territorial Acknowledgement plaque, and reconciliation projects at the school
- Math night

PRO Grant Information

2022-2023 School year

- Applications will be due mid-January 2023
- Board would like to see funds being used to support the Strategic Plan

Has your school been denied the PRO grant funds in the past?

Yes	6.67%
No	93.33%

What obstacles has your council had in using the funds?

- During covid, it was challenging to find virtual activities. We received feedback, especially during online school, that there was too much screen time and people didn't want another virtual event.
- None
- We didn't have any obstacles the last time we applied and used the funds.
- We were not approved to use funds towards a Family focused year end celebration
- Having an activity that fits both the board's preferences and our communities preferences
- Coming up with ideas can be challenging because I don't think parents understand what they can be used for.
- Timing
- Ensuring it fits the criteria of purpose - especially through COVID
- We have managed to implement our grants with a lot of help from the staff and administration of our high school. We would not be able to make our plans possible without their help which we are very grateful for.
- Not know what to use it for.
- Elementary: Lack of parent turnout. Council doesn't want to use the funds when a few parents show up to events. However, the council planned the event on a Monday night, which may have caused a low (20 people) turnout.
- It's not enough to do much with.
- Finding ideas

Does your council use the \$500.00 annual parent involvement funding by the Ministry?

Yes	46.67%
No	53.33%

What have you used the \$500.00 on?

- Family skating event
- Parent events and resources
- I wasn't aware of this funding. Will be reaching out to Principal regarding this funding.
- In the far past, we have used it for guest speakers and related costs, but attendance is generally low and benefits 20 families at most
- Cyber safety workshops for students and parents - Paul
- For quite a few years we have merged the \$500 with our Pro Grant to put on bigger programs or activities which often stretch into involving the students in addition to the parents.
- Math night at our school.
- School Resources

Ministry Given \$500.00

- Already in school's budgets
- This link is from another school board about the \$500.00
- These are ideas for the funds

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/pic/sc/500-annual-fund-memo/>

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/pic/wp-content/uploads/sites/89/2019/09/500-Ideas-Brochure-2020.pdf>

Has your council applied for a playground grant? If yes which one?

- No

Links to try

<https://playquest.ca/planning/playground-grants-and-funding/>

Has your council applied for an Environmental grant? If yes which one?

- We applied and received funds for our school garden through WR school food gardens

Links

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-community-environment-fund>

<https://growingspaces.com/gardening-grants>

Has your council applied for a Library grant? If yes which one?

- Indigo

<https://www.indigoloveofreading.org/grants/literacy-fund-grant/>

Has your council applied for Love My Hood matching grant? If yes what were the funds used for?

This is a grant application for Kitchener only

<https://www.lovemyhood.ca/en/index.aspx>

Are there other grants your council has received that you could share with the group?

- We received money for our nature space through WWF.
- We normally sign on and assist the staff with grants they apply for by writing letters of support. Our school has been successful in receiving grants but they are a student or staff-initiated applications.