

# Lakeview School Council

## 2012-2013 Annual Report

### A Note from the Chair

This past school year, our school community navigated through planned and unforeseen staff changes and a board-wide labour disruption which, in some schools, might have had some permanent negative effects but in true Lakeview fashion our parents, School Council and staff came through with the dedication and engagement to keep disruption to our students to a minimum. This is typical of our school and something to be very proud of and a large part of what makes Lakeview Public School so special. Aside from the labour situation, there was the departure of our long-time administrator Deborah Roundell, the unexpected departure of our principal Nicole Guertin-Colverson, the departure of some long-time School Council members and the announcement, at the end of the year, of the departure of 5 teachers, including long-time teachers Natasha Smith and Steve Blais for this coming year. The importance of our School Council becomes more obvious as a key component of our school community in providing continuity and support where and when needed. In the end, Council is there to work together with our teachers and principal in an effort to ensure our children have the best start to their lifetime of learning with minimal disruption. As Council's way of bringing all families together at the beginning of the School year, the Family Pizza & Dance Night held on Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>. Turnout was great!

*I would like to take this time to thank our Council members, all volunteers, parents and students, staff, teachers and our principal Diane Cousineau for their dedication, support and hard work throughout the 2012-2013 school year.*

In keeping with Ministry suggested fundraising guidelines, all selected Lakeview School Council fundraising was voluntary, safe, transparent, and aimed to provide complementary funding for the school for student field trips, performances and classroom enhancements. Your support of the 2012/13 fundraising efforts allowed Council to continue providing each teacher and classroom with a discretionary fund, to purchase French books for the library, and provide various experiences for our students including participating in an International Dance Workshop, Leo Brooks Drumming Workshop, the NAC string Quintet as well as an NAC performance of Peter & the Wolf, and transporting our students to the Fall cross-country meet, the Spring track-field meet and to Upper Canada Village for the grade 4 students.

Our School Council organized several school events during the year, including 2 Movie Nights. The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayfair, run by our dedicated School Council members and other volunteers who helped when needed was a huge success, and included the always popular student performances. A big thank you goes to Mr. Baker who assisted with the newly purchased sound system. This special 20<sup>th</sup> Mayfair included some special guests, such as 2 of the RCMP Musical Ride horses, RCMP Safety Bear, Stiltwalker, Circus show to name a few. The biggest fundraising revenue

comes from the Mayfair raffle and the raffle's success is dependent on parents soliciting prizes from our wonderful supporters in the community and parents buying and selling raffle tickets. We are thankful to our local merchants for their ongoing support and for the participation of our families during the event.

Deanna Giles-Vail

### Membership for 2012-2013

#### Principal

Diane Cousineau

#### Teacher Representatives

Natasha Smith

Steve Blais

#### Parent Representatives

Deanna Giles-Vail

Chair

Mary Clement

Secretary

Matthew Cox

Treasurer

Melissa Lebel

Mayfair raffle

Tracy Neufeld

OCASC Rep., Health & Wellness Lead

Mo Tait

OCASC Representative

Cynthia Way

Fundraising Coordinator

Jen Samuel

Fundraising (Pizza, Coffee)

Sylvia Jackson

Fundraising (Popcorn)

Carrie Ross

People for Education rep.

Pat Paterson

Arts Lead

Connie Davidson

Website Lead

Rick Collins

Website

Richard Baylin

Abu-Bakr Gurman

Jill Sheppard

Kasia Broda

Shannon Harrison

Sara Bauman

Sandra Abraham

Lakeview School Council always welcomes new parents who are interested in becoming more involved in their child's school. Each member does as little or as much as is capable. Any help is welcome. After a successful campaign for new members the 2012-13 School Council grew in number. The end of the 2013-14 year will see the departure of 3 more members. This is the ongoing pattern. We encourage you to join us for any of our monthly meetings this school year. Our meetings for the 2013-14 school year will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

#### Meetings

School Council held 9 meetings during the 2012-13 school-year with quorum achieved for all meetings. Meetings were held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the library and lasted an average of 2 hours. One meeting was held at Bayshore Public School in order to provide a convenient location for our Bayshore families.

**Council Goals for 2012-2013**

School Council’s goals this year included:

- Providing extra resources for enhancing student learning
- Providing guidance to administration given changes in staffing
- Facilitating school events (volunteers etc.)
- Keeping parents informed of school activities
- Encouraging parental participation

**Topics Discussed and Information Presented by Principal:**

- School organization, change in staffing, and calendar.
- Various renovations made to the school during the summer including transformation of computer lab to classroom and replaced by portable lab.
- Technology and SMART Board purchases and plans, including Technology Coach for teachers.
- How our students are learning with Smartboards
- Grade 1’s and 4’s performance at Riverpark Place Retirement
- International Dance Workshop
- Creation of Parent book lending area in library
- School’s 2012-13 budget
- School Improvement Planning
- Lakeview EQAO scores for Grade 3 students
- School lockdown exercises and procedures
- Grade 5 student initiatives, including Kibera fundraising
- Labour relations update inc. volunteers during labour disruption
- Use of RIM Donation
- Update on how our Grade 6’s are doing.
- OCDSB Homework Policy
- Diversity Activities with Students
- Creation of Safe Schools Committee
- Bus Dismissal Procedure review
- School Dress Code
- Kathy Nevins Music Grant application
- Enrollment for 2012-2013 school year
- Public Health Nurse assigned to Lakeview in 2012-13
- Update on Full-day Kindergarten and renovation plans

**General topics:**

- Fundraising objectives, campaigns and events
- Guidelines for Teacher’s Discretionary Funds by School Council
- Allocation of Council funds for school activities, technology, etc.
- School Council website
- How to best use the PRO Grant money awarded. Objective: Reaching out to all families.
- Welcome Pizza Night September – making it a free event.
- Keeping Kibera top of mind and furthering interaction with our students.
- Creation of Council Sub-committees
- The Role of Council during labour disputes.
- Purchase of used French books for library
- School Council Liability Insurance and other memberships
- Possible changes coming to management of Council funds.
- Evolving role of Council
- Balancing of Science and Arts funding within the School.
- Purchase of new Audio Equipment
- Impact of Healthy Foods for Healthy Schools Act, on Lakeview
- What to do with \$500 RIM Grant received by one our School Council members and RIM employee
- Development of a School Council website
- Mayfair BBQ, Raffle and entertainment – How to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Mayfair.
- Succession planning and how to get more parents to join School Council

**About Income**

Opening balance September 2012 was \$18,628.64

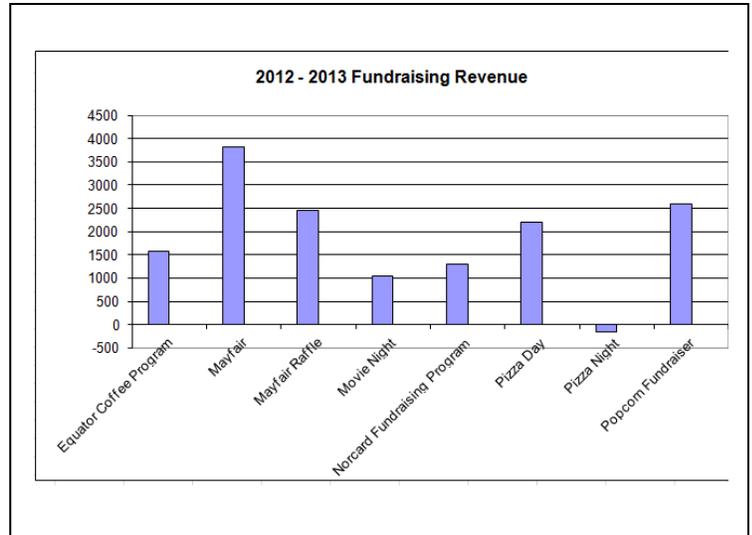
Revenue by school council in 2012/13 was about \$15,141.82.

The amount spent by school council in 2012/13 was about \$11,482.28.

The year-end balance for August 2013 was \$22,288.18.

**2012-2013 Fundraising Revenue**

This year’s major revenue generators were Mayfair through the raffle and the event itself with the popular BBQ, bake sale and book sale. Our Pizza Days and Popcorn Days continued to have high participation.



**2012-2013 Council Spending**

As in previous years a large portion of Council spending was in support of the Arts, including theatre, International Dance, and Music. This year, an investment was also made in audio equipment so our school community can hear the wonderful sounds of talent and hard work during school performances. As well, Council continued supporting teachers and classrooms with Discretionary Funds.

