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Message from Your Co-Chairs,

We want to thank all our school families and students for another great year at Lakeview Public School! This year was Lakeview's 50th Anniversary and Council was right there to take part in celebrating! This event included: remarks from Mayor Jim Watson and Councillor Mark Taylor; unveiling of our amazing school quilt and memory book; performances and tributes by staff & students and of course, there was cake! Congratulations to all those involved in planning this memorable event! Bravo!

This year Council was very involved with an initiative called *School Travel Planning* in which we aimed to increase understanding about and enhance more active & safe transportation to school. In collaboration with Green Communities Canada, our STP committee conducted surveys and observations of traffic and walking patterns around our school and community and developed an action plan for the next 3 years. We hope that parents will continue to support our efforts to make it safer for our children to get to and from school.

Our fundraising efforts, including yet another successful Mayfair Community Event, led to many enhancements to our students' learning. None of these accomplishments could have taken place without our members, volunteers, our incredible teaching staff and our Principal, Diane Cousineau, to whom we had to say farewell as she moved onto another school. Thank you to all for your contributions to making Lakeview a wonderful place to learn!



Our 2014-15 Council

Members:

Principal: Diane Cousineau

Co-Chairs: Melissa Lebel & Carrie Ross

Treasurer: Alexandra W.

Co-Secretaries:

Caitlin C.

Julie W.

Teacher Representatives:

Kristy B., Jane L.

Fundraising Coordinator:

Sneh M.

OCASC reps:

Tracy N.

Chris K.

Parent & Community Reps:

Alexandre S.

Connie D. (Website lead)

Heidi W.

Jenna N.

Jen S. (Lynwood rep)

Jill S.

Kasia B.

Mary C.

Maureen P. (Pizza lead)

Melissa S.

Morgan F. (Westcliffe rep)

Rick C.

Russell W.

Sandra A. (Popcorn lead)

Shannon H.

Shelagh M.

Susan B.

Tauhid-Brian T. (Crystal

Beach-Lakeview rep)

Tracy B.

Vinayini M. (Bayshore rep)

Thank you to all of our parent members for their efforts and support throughout the year!

We could not have done this without you! Merci.



The Parent Council established the following goals for the 2014-2015:

- Enhance communication and collaboration with school staff
- Improve and enhance communication with school families
- Acquire new technology based on school needs
- Facilitate and support school events
- Provide guidance to school administration on various issues

Lakeview School Council held ten (10) meetings over the 2014-15 school years on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Council was also able to provide free child-minding (ages 3+) during Council meetings thanks to the help of Ryan W., a high school volunteer and former LPS student. This assisted parents who could not otherwise attend our meetings.

What did Lakeview Council do last year?

Enhance communication with school staff

- Council Co-Chairs participated in monthly meetings with the Principal on Council-school issues
- Contributed content to the bi-weekly school newsletter
- Provision of complimentary funding to teachers for additional classroom and curriculum enhancements
- Provision of lump sum funding to support bringing in Arts or Science workshops to students
- Council treasurer worked directly with teachers in dispensing and reporting on the use of the funds with 100% expenditure of the allotment by the end of the school year

Improve and enhance communication with school families

- Improved and implemented regular use of the Council's website – www.lakeviewschoolcouncil.ca
- Maintained our weekly newsletter/broadcast with a distribution list of school families.
- Provided free child-minding at Council meetings with an earlier start time to accommodate parents
- Maintained a Council information bulletin board in the school
- Directed use of the OCDSB's \$500 Parent Involvement Fund towards the Lakeview 50th Anniversary for DJ music services
- Translation of the school walkability survey into Arabic to facilitate participation
- Invited the School Resource Officer (from the Ottawa Police Services) to present at a meeting

Acquire new technology based on school needs

- In consultation with staff, we purchased four (4) new iPads and nine (9) Chromebooks for use by the primary and junior classrooms



Facilitate and support school activities/events

- Council was very active in collaborating on some of Lakeview's school initiatives including: presenting a new school mascot logo; new school sports vests; new school banner; bus transportation for sport and field trip activities; contribution to Lakeview's 50th Anniversary Celebration; purchase of Ski passes for parent volunteers; provided playground equipment for kinder classes.

Provide guidance to school administration on various issues

- Review and update of the Lakeview Principal Profile
- Participated in discussions about School Travel Planning and safety issues for children going to/from school, including obtaining a new crossing guard
- Regular engagement with School Board Trustee on various school and 'system-level' issues
- Relayed parent concerns about full-day kindergarten class sizes
- Relayed and followed up on structural issues after the kinder wing renovation
- Encouraged communication to parents about 'secure school' protocols
- Supporting the "Principal Meet & Greet" activities held in the Bayshore Community
- Input to the new Health and Physician Education Curriculum
- Input to the OCDSB Green Employer Consultation

Council's Revenue and Expenditures for 2014-2015

Council held some fundraising activities over the school year but had agreed to keep this minimal recognizing the increasing financial burden on families in the current economy. We had our most successful Mayfair Community and Fundraiser on May 10, 2015. We continued to provide our lunch program (Pizza Pizza® and Pita Pit® wrap days), Kernels® Popcorn days, and Equator® Organic, Fair-trade coffee sales, and implemented our online ordering system.

Council also focused on fundraisers with a more "green" element such as: Mabels Labels; rainbarrels and garden accessories, and, plant and garden seeds. Of course, we love seeing our students strut their Lakeview pride in their new school logo swag, and we hope to continue this fundraiser annually. Our school movie nights continue to be a fun and easy way to bring families out for an evening of movies and snacks. For the first time, Council held a movie night in June which did not draw a huge crowd and will be reconsidered for next year. Council held its first ever Clothing Drive and thanks to the generosity of our families, collected over 100 bags of clothing to be donated to various charitable organizations across Ottawa.

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Below is a breakdown of the revenue and expenditures Lakeview Council managed over the year.

School Name	<i>Lakeview Public School</i>
School Council Chair	<i>Melissa Lebel</i>
Opening balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on September 1, 2014	\$ 18,317
The amount raised by school council during the year September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015	\$ 41,945
The amount spent by school council during the year September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015	\$ 44,370
Closing balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on August 31, 2015	\$ 15,038

