

Lakeview School Council

2011-2012 Annual Report

A Note from the Chair

Lakeview Public School is a very special little school with many caring parents, some of whom have given their time and dedication to Council year after year, keeping Council relevant and a key part of the Lakeview school community. Every few years we graduate parents out of Lakeview with their children and, conversely, have parents of younger students joining Council and bringing in critically important new ideas. Our School Council is an essential component of our school community, providing a forum for parents and other community members to work together with our teachers and principal in an effort to ensure our children have the best start to their lifetime of learning. School Council raises funds to help support a wide range of activities throughout the school and bring new learning materials to all of our students as determined in collaboration with our principal and teachers.

I would like to take this time to thank our Council members, all volunteers, parents and students, staff, teachers and our principal for their dedication, support and hard work throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

In keeping with Ministry suggested fundraising guidelines, all 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 2011/12 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, watching New Star Theatre's performance of Oliver, experiencing The Rideau Lakes Brass Quintet and the NAC wind Quintet, participating in a drum-making workshop for our grade 5's, transporting our students to the Fall cross-country meet, the Spring track-field meet as well as sending our Percu-chant performers to CentrePointe for their Rogers Cable performance.

Our School Council organized several school events during the year, including 2 Movie Nights, a Dance-a-Thon in support of Kibera Kids. The 19th Annual Mayfair, run by our amazing 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 our grade 5 teacher Natasha Smith for coordinating the performances. The success of the Mayfair raffle is dependent on parents soliciting prizes from our wonderful supporters in the community. We are thankful to our local merchants for their ongoing support.

Deanna Giles-Vail

Membership

Principal

Nicole Guertin-Colverson

Teacher Representatives

Natasha Smith

Parent Representatives

Deanna Giles-Vail

Kirsten Devenny

Anne Wimmi

Matthew Cox

Mo Tait

Cynthia Way

Jen Samuel

Sylvia Jackson

Carrie Ross

Pat Paterson

Tracy Neufeld

Lisa Addison

Richard Baylin

Mary Clement

Rick Collins

David Popovich

Chair

Past-Chair, OCASC Representative

Secretary

Treasurer

Mayfair raffle,

OCASC Representative

Fundraising Coordinator

Fundraising (Pizza, Coffee)

Fundraising (Popcorn)

Fundraising (QSP)

Arts prime

Health & Wellness prime

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. The 2011/12 Lakeview School Council had a strong core of dedicated members but at year-end 3 members, including 2 executive members left Lakeview. The end of this year will see 2 more members leave and the end of next year 3 more members will be leaving. We encourage you to join us for any of our monthly meetings this school year. Our meetings for the 2012-2013 school year will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Meetings

School Council held 9 meetings during the 2011-2012 school-year. Quorum was not achieved for the November meeting. Meetings were held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the library and lasted an average of 2 hours.

Goals

School Council's goals this year included:

- Providing extra resources for enhancing student learning
- Providing input to the principal and the school board
- Facilitating school events (volunteers etc.)
- Keeping parents informed of school activities
- Encouraging parental participation

Topics Discussed and Information Presented

Presented by the Principal:

- School organization, staffing, and calendar
- Various renovations made to the school during the summer and further renovations to come including library mural project
- Technology and SMART Board plan and strategy for the school for the next five years
- International dance workshop and theatre performances for students
- Drum-making workshop for Grade 5 students
- Daily Physical Activity plan for the school year
- School's participation in Math contests and Canspell Spelling Bee
- School's 2011-2012 budget
- New Board Policy for school supplies and Lakeview families' participation rate
- Lakeview EQAO scores for Grade 3 students
- School lockdown exercises – notifying parents prior
- Policy regarding occasional teachers and school day process when regular teacher is away
- School policy on snow days as it relates to teaching of new or review of current topics
- Safe and Caring Schools Program for Lakeview
- Lakeview's Eco-Ecole group and workshop
- Education Week plans at Lakeview
- Council support of School's attendance of Aladdin musical at D.A.Moodie, Salamander Theatre
- Enrollment for 2012-2013 school year

General topics:

- Fundraising objectives, campaigns and events
- Result of fundraising for JK. / SK. playstructure
- Teacher's Discretionary by School Council, why, what and when?
- Allocation of Council funds for school activities, technology, etc.
- Family wishes to donate money versus participate in fundraising campaigns
- How to best use the PRO Grant money awarded
- School launch of and School Council's commitment to the Kibera Kids fundraising campaign for the next 3 years, including Dance-a-thon, Read-a-thon
- Percu-chant choir's participation in Rogers Cable show taping at Centrepointe and Council's funding of transportation
- School Council Liability Insurance and other memberships
- How to best communicate information to families - How many is too any emails?
- 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
- OCASC review on new anti-bullying Bill and the need for more discussion on anti-bullying at Lakeview, ie. inviting the Majic 100 No More Bullies team to Lakeview.
- Development of a School Council website
- Mayfair BBQ, Raffle and entertainment
- Succession planning and how to get more parents to join School Council
- Review of OCASC presentation on Extended Day Program
- School Council documents appearing on Docstoc website and how to get these removed
- New water fountains and removal of water bottles in portables

About Income

Opening balance September 2011 was \$14,673.64

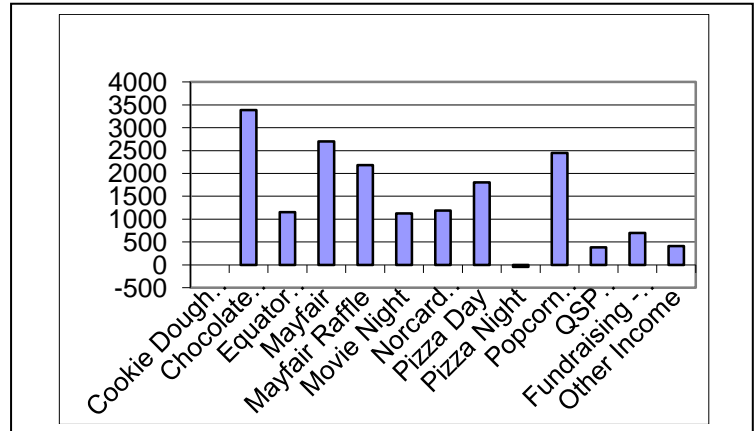
Revenue by school council in 2010/11 was about \$17,433.53.

The amount spent by school council in 2010/11 was about \$13,440.93.

The year-end balance for August 2012 was about \$18,666.24.

2011-2012 Fundraising Revenue

Council's Chocolate Bar Campaign, our Annual Mayfair event, and Popcorn Days continued to represent a large portion of the fundraising revenue for School Council.



2011-2012 Council Spending

A large portion of Council spending was in support of the Arts, including theatre, International Dance, and Music.

