



Lakeview Public School Parent Council

Annual Report 2017-2018



Message from your Chair:

Lakeview Parent Council has had another busy year. Despite some challenges, we were able to have a successful and fruitful year.

We continued to work hard to support the school and students through many ongoing initiatives:

- Annual Lakeview Family Welcome Night Dance
- Lunch programs (fundraisers)
- Teacher and Classroom funding
- Transportation/ Arts & Science funding
- Mayfair 2018....and more!

I would like to mention how much Council appreciates the immense support and encouragement that we have received from all parents and staff in the school during my two years as co-chair and then chair. Thank you everyone! Merci tout le monde!

Julie Watson

The Parent Council established the following goals for the 2017-2018 year:

- Enhance communication and collaboration with school staff
- Improve and enhance communication with school families
- Facilitate and support school activities/events
- Provide guidance to school administration on various issues

Lakeview Parent Council held ten (10) meetings over the 2017-2018 school year on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Council was also able to provide some free child-minding (ages 3+) during Council meetings thanks to the help of two High School student volunteers. This was a great service that helped engage parents who could not otherwise attend meetings.

Our 2017-2018 Council members:

Principal: Rebecca Shields / Jennifer Capitani / Shari Brodie

Chair: Julie Watson

Treasurer/Popcorn day Lead: Heidi Wechselberger

Secretary: Caitlin Cooke

Teacher representatives: Jane Lefevre / Kavita Jairam

Parent Community representatives:

Tauhid-Brian T
Carrie R
Theresa Kavanagh - Trustee
Jen S – Coffee Lead
Connie D
Sneh M
Emily W
Jennifer M
Beatrice M
Chris K
Karen F
Susan C
Allison H
Manal F
Alexandre S
Jen Ni
Kinga B

**Thank you to all our parent members
for their efforts and support
throughout the year! We could not
have done it without you!**

Mille mercis!!

What did Lakeview Council do last year?

i) Enhance communication and collaboration with school staff

- Council co-chairs participated in meetings with the Principal on Council-School issues
- Contributed content to the Principal's weekly synervice and school newsletters
- Regular engagement with Teacher representatives and updates at Council meetings
- Funds provided to staff for classroom enhancements and curriculum delivery support (TACE \$150 per teacher)
- Treasurer supported staff to ensure 100% expenditure of the allotment before the end of the school year
- Provision of \$5,000 to support staff initiatives to enhance Arts and Science programming for Lakeview students
- Provision of \$5,000 to support student bus transportation to activities/events for Lakeview students
- Staff appreciation through holiday-baking initiative
- Use of Council website to help staff with gathering of volunteers

ii) Improve and enhance communication with school families

- Improved and regular use of Council's website – www.lakeviewschoolcouncil.ca to communicate key events and issues to parents – around 110 Lakeview families were subscribed
- Weekly email newsletter to subscribing school families on key events/activities in the community, the school and district-wide
- Provided free child-minding at Council meetings to facilitate parent participation
- Lakeview Council information bulletin board in the school
- Fostered school community with our Annual Lakeview Family Welcome Night Dance held October 14th where free food/drinks.
- Fostered school community with 2 Family Yoga Sessions (Mindfulness)

iii) Facilitate and support school activities/events

- Council was very active in collaborating on some of Lakeview's school initiatives including:
 - iWalk and Winter Walk day;
 - Scientists in Schools;
 - Ottawa Youth Orchestra;
 - Red in the Hood theatrical performance;
 - Luv 2 Groove and Tradansa Dance Workshops;
 - transportation to many school activities/events;
 - purchase of new chess sets for the chess club;
 - 3 new chrome books for classroom use.

iv) Provide guidance to school administration on various issues

- Annual review and update of the Lakeview Principal profile
- Regular engagement with Board Trustee Theresa Kavanagh on school and "system-level" issues
- Continued support with the new school council model for the Transportation and Art & Science funds

- Advice on Learn-to-play time-recess programming
- Advice and feedback on recess Piano lessons

Council's revenue and expenditures for 2017-2018

- Lakeview Council held many of its regular fundraising activities over the school year. This included;
 - Mayfair Community and Fundraiser (annual event - May 26th, 2018)
 - Hotlunch program (Pizza Pizza[®] and Pita Pit[®] wrap days) (on-going)
 - Kernels[®] Popcorn days (on-going)
 - Equator[®] coffee sales (holiday season)
 - Mabel's Labels[®] (on-going)
 - Dance and Bingo Night
 - Scholastics Book Fair (November)
 - School clothing through Pro2Col (fall and spring)

- There was discussion between Council and school administration to consider better targeting Council's fundraising efforts with real school needs. The following suggestions were brought forward by both Council members as well as the Principal:
 - Be clear (when possible) when indicating how the funds raised by each fundraising activity will be spent
 - Be clear when funding is for larger projects that may take place over multiple years – need a budget, plan and proposal that support these projects.
 - Our treasurer had pointed out that reducing our carry-over amount from year to year was not enough to cover the expenses and commitments at the beginning of the school year. We took those considerations for 2017-18 which proved to be an excellent decision.
 - Continue to streamline Council accounting by empowering school administration to manage funding allotments (this includes bus transportation and arts/sciences). School administration to continue giving Council a monthly update on how much is left for each amount.
 - Seek more opportunities to align fundraising and funding to support the School Learning Plan (i.e.: literacy, math, French, mental health)
 - Recognition that ongoing discussions and fine-tuning will be required.

Under the authority of the Education Act, Ontario Regulation 612/00 made under the Act, requires that a school council prepare and submit to the School Board an annual reports of its activities, including financial activities. Below is a breakdown of the revenue and expenditures of Lakeview Parent Council during the 2017-2018 school year.

School Name	Lakeview Public School
School Council Chair	Julie Watson
School Council Treasurer	Heidi Wechselberger
Opening balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on September 1, 2017	\$ 9,667.44
The amount raised by school council during the year September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018	\$ 29,740.43
The amount spent by school council during the year September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018	\$ 27,250.39
Closing balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on August 31, 2018	\$ 12,371.82