



Rockcliffe Park Public School

2013 / 2014 School Council Annual Report

The RPPS School Council acts as a liaison between the parent / guardian community, the school staff, and the OCDSB. The Council meets once a month during the school year, on the second Tuesday of every month in the school library, from 7pm to 9pm.

During the 2013 / 2014 school year, the Council accomplished the following items (amounts are approximate):

Fundraising

- raised ~\$16,000 from the sale of pizza to students on Fridays
- raised ~ \$8,000 from Dance-A-Thon
- raised ~ \$5,000 from the sale of milk to students during lunch
- raised ~ \$2,500 from other events (Fundscrip, hot dog day, clothing sales, directories)
- received \$30,000 from Book Fair proceeds

Facilities Enhancement

- invested \$700 on the garden

Nutrition Programs

- operated the milk and pizza programs

Curriculum Enhancement

- invested \$1500 in classroom workshops
- invested \$3,000 in dance program (Tradansa)
- invested \$3,500 in physical education workshop (Aussie-X)
- invested \$2,000 in teacher enrichments (allowance for teachers to use on whatever they need in the classroom)
- invested \$ 17,000 in technology (projectors, white board, wireless keyboards and mounting)
- invested \$3,000 in sports equipment and events
- invested \$4,000 in library enhancements

Community Building

- coordinated with the RPL and RPA in the ongoing maintenance of the soccer field (and contributed our \$2,000 share towards the maintenance)
- spent \$1,500 on a free BBQ for the entire school community

- *elected a full council for the 2013 / 2014 school year*

Strengthening Public Education

- spent \$4,000 on subsidizing field trips (bus fees)
- spent \$10,000 on the grade 6 annual trip and graduation to Montreal

President's Message

“Council worked to respond to needs identified by parents and teachers through provision of in-class resources, speakers and workshops for parents, and community building events. I would like to thank all of the volunteers, parents, and staff who contributed their time and effort to make this a great year at RPPS. ” Abby DeWolfe

Please consider volunteering for the council or book fair next year. You only need to give as much time as you can spare and no matter what you do, it will be a rewarding experience for you and the children.

In addition to the items listed above, the Council also accomplished the following things this year:

- continued using MailChimp to successfully communicate with the parent community on a monthly basis
- used SurveyMonkey and MailChimp to request feedback from the parent community
- approved a weekly hot lunch program to begin in the fall of 2014
- had a presentation by a representative of the Advisory Committee on the Arts
- hosted Pino Buffone at a Council meeting to speak to parents about the math curriculum
- in collaboration with the teaching staff hosted a Math Night to educate and engage parents on the math curriculum
- applied for a PRO grant for a Speaker Series
- provided education and outreach on the OSTA Proposed Bell Time Change (survey, discussions at meetings, information sheet, email updates and reminders of public consultation)
- developed a Funding Request Form for proposed Council supported expenditures
- started a Council Reference Manual

2013-2014 Executive Members

Chair

Abby DeWolfe

Vice-Chair

Caroline Matt

Treasurer

Nicole White

Secretary

Ryan Kilgar

Past President

Craig Nakamoto

OCASC Representative

Corrina Arsenault

Members at Large

Marta Lipman

John Arnold

Valerie Binet Bellfleur

Anna Zyzniewski

Nabanita Giri

Volunteer Coordinator

Melanie Ertel (left April 2014)

Book Fair Chair

Seanna Kreager

Statement of Operations & Financial Position for the year ending Jun 30, 2014

Opening Balance		1,295.00
Net Revenues:		
Book Fair	30,000.00	
Pizza	15,487.00	
Milk	4,922.00	
OCDSB Grant	500.00	
FundScrip	1,660.00	
Hot Dog Day	692.00	
Additional Revenue (Backpack & Directories Sales)	100.00	
Dance-a-thon	7,972.00	
Funds from Long Term for Technology	1,800.00	
Total Revenues		63,133.00
Net Expenses:		
Teacher/Classroom Enrichments (\$150×23)	2,261.00	
Field Trips (Bus Transportations) (\$200×19)	4,164.00	
Grade 6 End-of-Year Trip	9,928.00	
Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony	656.00	
Field Maintenance	2,000.00	
OCASC annual fee	35.00	
Staff Appreciation Lunch	378.00	
Miscellaneous	316.00	
School Enrichment		
Aussie X	3,384.00	
Gardening, Recess Equipment	700.00	
Technology		
Installing Projectors and Whiteboards in classrooms	17,000.00	
School/Classroom Libraries		
Reading Resources, Books for Library	4,062.00	
Sports		
Gym Storage, Equipment, Tournament Fees and Buses	3,323.00	
Curriculum Subject Enrichment		
Workshops-1 per classroom (\$200×19)	1,560.00	
MASC Workshops	2,400.00	
Volunteer Initiatives		
Community BBQ	1,270.00	
Total Expenses		53,437.00
Net Expenses over Revenue		77%
Closing Balance		10,991.00