



Rockcliffe Park Public School

2015/2016 School Council Annual Report

General Information

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 approximately 7pm to 9pm.

During the 2015 / 2016 school year, the Council accomplished the following items (amounts are approximate):

Fundraising

- raised ~\$22,945 from the sale of pizza and milk to students
- raised ~ \$7,375 from Dance-A-Thon
- raised ~ \$1,065 from Mazzola hot lunches
- received \$500 in OCDSB funding for parent outreach
- received a \$1,000 PRO grant for a parents' lending library
- raised \$25,000 in Form 700 funding from OCDSB towards kindergarten yard improvements
- received ~ \$54,365 from Book Fair proceeds

Facilities Enhancement

- invested ~ \$970 on the school garden and recess equipment
- committed ~ \$64,300 to a new accessible kindergarten yard (installed Aug/Sep 2016) and assisted in the design process
- invested ~ \$1,025 in new kitchen appliances

Nutrition Programs

- operated the milk and pizza programs
- offered weekly hot lunches through Mazzola

Curriculum Enhancement

- invested ~ \$3,565 in classroom workshops
- invested ~ \$2,260 in school-wide music program
- invested ~ \$5,460 in teacher enrichments (allowance for teachers to use on whatever they need in the classroom)
- invested ~ \$10,840 in technology (iPads, chrome books and storage)
- invested ~ \$3,805 in sports equipment, storage and events

- invested ~ \$18,355 in library enhancements and reading resources
- invested ~ \$690 in kindergarten supplies

Community Building

- elected a Council for the 2015/2016 school year
- published a School Directory
- enhanced the school website with online ordering capabilities
- maintained regular communication with parents and staff through School Council emails highlighting upcoming events and initiatives
- spent ~ \$1,975 on a School Council events including a free BBQ for the entire school community
- spent ~ \$1,000 on a parent lending library
- spent ~ \$10,305 on the grade 6 annual trip to Montreal and graduation ceremony
- coordinated with the LCA and RPRA in the ongoing maintenance of the soccer field (and contributed \$2,000 towards the regular maintenance of the field)
- supported two local Charities (\$1,750 each) through Dance-A-Thon fundraising in partnership with the RPPS Fair Club

Strengthening Public Education

- spent ~ \$3,315 on subsidizing field trips (bus fees)
- established a \$1,500 subsidy fund to ensure equal access to fee based RPPS programs and extra-curricular activities
- provided \$5,000 in resource grants to other deserving schools in surrounding communities, for 2015/2016 schools that took in large numbers of Syrian refugee students were chosen

Listing of School Council Events and Activities throughout 2015/2016

- RPPS Book Fair, the school's main fundraiser (organized by the Book Fair Committee with support from countless parent and community volunteers)
- Participation in Kindergarten Info Night
- A Dance-a-Thon in support of upcoming kindergarten yard improvements and, in partnership with the RPPS Fair Club, two local charities
- The free RPPS School Community BBQ
- Our Spirit Clothing Drive
- Grandparents' Day
- Authors Workshops
- Teachers Appreciation Luncheon
- Provision of Milk and Pizza
- Twice weekly hot lunches provided by Mazzola
- Continued enhancement of the school website including online ordering
- Creation of a parent lending library with the support of a Parents Reaching Out Grant (\$1,000)

Chair's Message

“2015/2016 was a very productive year for the RPPS School Council despite a few vacancies including the important Volunteer Coordinator role. In addition to the continuation of our regular activities including the provision of milk and pizza, the Dance-a-Thon, Book Fair, our free RPPS school community BBQ and substantial monetary contributions to school and curriculum enhancements through our fundraising activities, we made significant progress on two legacy projects.

First, we were able to open a parents lending library with the support of a Parents Reaching Out grant and second, we were able to fund the construction of a completely new Kindergarten Yard. The latter project was only made possible through the fundraising efforts of our countless volunteers as well as generous financial support from both the OCDSB and the City of Ottawa.

Additionally, I am very proud of the fact that Council was able to establish a Subsidy Policy to ensure equal access to fee based RPPS programs and extra-curricular activities regardless of family financial considerations.

RPPS has a strong school community with giving families as well as an amazing group of teachers, support staff and principal. I would like to thank everyone for your unwavering assistance this past year as School Council could not accomplish all we do without your help.”

Imbaw Storer, 2015/2016 RPPS School Council Chair

2015/2016 Executive Members

Chair

Imbaw Storer

Vice-Chair

John Arnold

Treasurer

Nabanita Giri

Secretary

Linda Lee

Past Chair

Caroline Matt

OCASC Representative

Hacene Oukacine

Members at Large

Kristi Squires

Roxan Clark

Sean Flynn

Vacant

Vacant

Volunteer Coordinator

Vacant

Book Fair Chair

Joni Hamlin

Statement of Operations & Financial Position for the year ending July 31, 2015

Revenues:	Actuals
Book Fair	54,367
Dance-a-thon	7,375
Pizza & Milk	22,945
OCDSB Grant - Annual	500
Retained Funds	34,018
PRO Grant	1,000
Mazzola	1,066
City of Ottawa Grant - Kindergarten Yard*	7,500
OCDSB Funding - Kindergarten Yard*	25,000
Other - Clothing, Directories	2,286
Long Term Funds	
Kindergarten Yard	10,000
Kitchen Renovation	4,200
Total Revenues	170,257
Expenses:	
Teacher/Classroom Enrichments (\$200×28)	-5,461
Field Trips (Bus Transportations) (\$200×21)	-3,317
Grade 6 End-of-Year Trip	-9,286
Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony	-679
Field Maintenance	-2,000
OCASC annual fee	-35
Staff Appreciation Lunch	-608
Website	-263
Other - Clothing, Directories	-2,094
School Enrichment	
Gardening, Recess Equipment	-972
Kindergarten Supplies	-691
Kindergarten Yard*	-64,298
Kitchen Renovation - From Long Term Funds	-1,026
Technology	
5 iPads/25 chromebooks/cases/storage	-10,840
School/Classroom Libraries	
Library Books	-6,991
Parent Library	-977
Classroom Reading Resources	-12,194

Sports	
Gym Storage, Equipment, Tournament Fees and Buses	-3,804
Curriculum Subject Enrichment	
Workshops-1 per classroom (\$200×21)	-3,565
School Wide Music Workshop/ Music supplies	-2,260
Volunteer Initiatives	
School Council Events	-1,977
Book Fair Events	
Author's Workshops	-1,293
Grandparents Day	-671
School Grants	-5,000
Other	
Do It for Darren Contribution	-1,750
RRCRC Contribution	-1,750
Total Expenses	-143,802
Funds Remaining	26,455

* received or spent at the start of the 2016-17 year