



Rockcliffe Park Public School

2014/2015 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 7pm to 9pm.

During the 2014/ 2015 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 ~ \$6,000 from Dance-A-Thon
- raised ~ \$3,400 from the sale of milk to students during lunch
- raised ~ \$1,300 from Mazzola hot lunches
- raised ~ \$1,500 from Grants towards the speaker series (PRO, OCDSB)
- raised \$7,500 in grant funding from City of Ottawa towards kindergarten yard improvements (conditional on matching grant from OCDSB)
- received \$55,000 from Book Fair proceeds

Facilities Enhancement

- invested \$1,937 on the school garden and recess equipment
- created long-term funds for future enhancements including the kindergarten yard (\$10,000) and kitchen renovation (\$4,200)

Nutrition Programs

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

Curriculum Enhancement

- invested \$4,006 in classroom workshops
- invested \$3,000 in school-wide music program
- invested \$4,330 in teacher enrichments (allowance for teachers to use on whatever they need in the classroom)
- invested \$ 11,438 in technology (projectors, ipads and notebooks)
- invested \$904 in sports equipment, storage and events
- invested \$9,519 in library enhancements and reading resources

- invested \$1,715 in kindergarten supplies

Community Building

- elected a full council for the 2014/2015 school year
- published a School Directory
- developed a new school website with greater online communication capabilities
- maintained regular communication with parents and staff through School Council e-newsletter highlighting upcoming events and initiatives
- spent \$2,192 on a School Council events including a free BBQ for the entire school community
- spent \$1,700 on a free speaker series open to parents from across the Board, which was attended by parents from over 20 schools from across the City of Ottawa
- spent \$10,352 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 \$4,000 towards the regular maintenance of the field, and this year's restoration of the track)

Strengthening Public Education

- spent \$3,112 on subsidizing field trips (bus fees)
- hosted a successful speaker-series on identified topics of interest to help parents support their child's education at home, including numeracy and mathematics, emotional well-being, and internet safety and resources
- provided \$5,000 in library resource grants to other deserving schools in surrounding communities

Listing of School Council Events and Activities throughout 2014/2015

- RPPS Book Fair, the school's main fundraiser (organized by the Book Fair Committee with support from countless parent and community volunteers)
- The PRO Speaker Series featuring talks by Maggie Mamen, Marian Small, and MediaSmarts; generously funded by a Parent Reaching Out Grant
- A Dance-a-Thon in support of upcoming kindergarten yard improvements
- The free RPPS School Community BBQ
- Our Spirit Clothing Drive
- Grandparents' Day
- Authors Workshops
- Teachers Appreciation Luncheon
- Provision of Milk and Pizza
- Weekly hot lunches provided by Mazzola
- Development of a new school website
- Successful application to the City of Ottawa for a grant in support of kindergarten yard improvements (\$7,500)
- Successful submission of application to the Parents Reaching Out Grant in support of a parent lending library (\$1,000)

Chair's Message

“2014/2015 was a very busy year for the RPPS School Council. We saw the successful continuation of our regular activities including the provision of milk and pizza, the Dance-a-Thon, our free RPPS Community BBQ and significant monetary contributions to school and curriculum enhancements through our fundraising activities. We also embarked on some new initiatives. We hosted a Speaker Series that had our school community engaged and attracted parents from across the City. We successfully applied to two grants (PRO and City of Ottawa), which will fund two projects to be implemented in the upcoming year: a parents lending library and structural improvements to our new kindergarten yard. None of the activities outlined in this report could happen without the tireless dedication and hard work of our volunteers. I would especially like to take this opportunity to thank our Principal Shari Brodie, all the teachers and staff for their ongoing commitment to making our school a warm and welcoming place of learning for our children.”

Caroline Matt, 2014/2015 School Council Chair

2014/2015 Executive Members

Chair

Caroline Matt

Vice-Chair

Imbaw Storer

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Secretary

Kristi Squires

Past President

Abby DeWolfe

OCASC Representative

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Marta Lipman

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Anna Zyzniewski

Nabanita Giri

Volunteer Coordinator

Ali Asgari

Book Fair Chair

Joni Hamlin

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

Revenues:		
Book Fair	55,000.00	
Pizza	16,226.31	
Dance-a-Thon	6,019.67	
Milk	3,396.90	
Retained Funds (2013/2014)	10,991.00	
OCDSB Grant	500.00	
Mazzola	1,378.00	
Parents Reaching Out Grant	1,000.00	
Long Term Funds	8,200.00	
Total Revenues		102,711.88
Expenses:		
Teacher/Classroom Enrichments	4,330.96	
Field Trips (Bus Transportations) (\$200×18)	3,112.25	
Grade 6 End-of-Year Trip	9,812.24	
Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony	540.03	
Field Maintenance	4,000.00	
OCASC annual fee	35.00	
Staff Appreciation Lunch	537.88	
Website	200.88	
Miscellaneous	385.91	
School Enrichment		
Gardening, Recess Equipment	1,937.27	
Kindergarten Supplies	1,715.01	
Kindergarten play area - Long Term	10,000.00	
Kitchen Renovation - Long Term	4,200.00	
Technology		
iPads for classrooms, class set notebooks, projectors	11,438.30	
School/Classroom Libraries		
Library Books	4,895.22	
Reading Resources	4,624.42	
Sports		
Gym Storage, Equipment, Tournament Fees and Buses	904.00	
Curriculum Subject Enrichment		
Workshops-1 per classroom (\$200×21)	4,006.55	

School Wide Music Workshop	3,000.00	
Volunteer Engagement		
School Council Events	2,192.35	
Speakers Series	1,672.26	
Book Fair Expenses		
Author's Workshops	4,093.81	
Grants	5,000.00	
Total Expenses		82,634.34
Estimated Funds Remaining		20,077.54