



1. WELCOME

- Huge thank you to the team that put together the Fun Fair and Silent Auction and all the volunteers who helped make the day a fantastic success!
- As this is the last meeting of the year, it is useful to review what School Council has accomplished!

Events held by School Council in 2018-19:

- Welcome BBQ
- Glow Run (1 and 2km)
- Fresh from the Farm fundraiser
- Book Fair and Spaghetti Dinner
- Trampoline Day at Action Trampoline
- '67s hockey game, with our choir singing the anthem
- Movie Night
- Spring Dance
- Fun Fair and Silent Auction
- Staff appreciation lunch

Our fundraising allowed us to contribute the following to school learning:

- Purchased 40 pairs of snow shoes
- Furnished tables for “learn anywhere” spaces
- Provided more equipment for the Maker Space
- Supported the butterfly garden
- Restocked the aquarium
- Held lunchtime Yoga sessions in the winter
- Provided funds for upcoming purchases of outdoor learning spaces and equipment, such as picnic tables, backpacks stocked with outdoor classroom supplies, and equipment for outdoor recess.

And we helped our community by contributing to:

- Helped RHPS families in need during the holiday season
- Supported Ottawa Food Bank for the Tornado Relief fund
- Supported Carson Grove Public School, which does not have a School Council
- Added five goats to the Grade 5 fundraising initiative

We also:

- Rebranded our name to School Council and updated our logo, email addresses and twitter accounts
- Redid our bulletin board
- Joined the Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils

THANK YOU to all Council Members and volunteers who contributed to a very successful year!



2. SCHOOL UPDATE

a) Principal report

- **School Council Meetings Next Year:** School Council meetings will be typically held on the second Thursday of each month. This will coincide with the School's staff meeting and help facilitate information sharing with parents, grandparents, guardians or neighbours. **The first meeting of the 2019-20 school year will be on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30pm.** Reminder that at this meeting, participants will elect Council Executives, Committee Chairs and Members-at-Large (voting members).
- **School Council event dates for next year:** School will block dates for events according to where they fall this year, unless advised otherwise.
- **Lending Library on Self-regulation:** School is working with School Council to build a community lending library with books on resiliency thanks to School Council's PRO Grant funding.
- **Outdoor Classroom Equipment:** M. Paul has sought input from the teachers on what equipment/supplies they would like for the outdoor classroom. Requests include: picnic tables, toys for the kinder yard, recess toys, gardening supplies, outdoor equipment bins, backpack, magnifying glasses, compasses, laminated charts of bugs/plants in Ontario, microscopes, badminton rackets, watercolour supplies. School Council will begin to procure these requests through the funding received from the Scholastic book fair and other sources.
- **Breakfast Club Refrigerator and Storage:** Council members previously raised the need to replace the breakfast club refrigerator. As part of that process, the school would like to consider redoing the room to make it more functional.
- **Converting the Library to Learning Commons:** School has been exploring options to improve the library layout and convert the space into a more inviting learning commons. Cost estimate is \$23,000.
- **School Climate Survey:** Preliminary results from the survey of students in Grades 4 and 5 conducted in April and May 2019 show the School's 4-square approach is building resilience in students and enhancing positive teacher-student rapport. The School's results are more aligned with the Canadian norms this year.
- **Quality Daily Physical Education Award:** Robert Hopkins is proud to have received 2 stars, recognizing its work to encourage excellence in school physical education programs.
- **TVO Online Math Resources:** TVO has many online learning resources, including mPower, an online game-based resource that builds problem-solving, critical thinking and math skills for learners in kindergarten to Grade 6.



b) Teacher update

- **Earth Day Assembly:** On April 23, our school had an Earth Day Assembly, after which all students collected their classroom waste for a week, and determined how they could reduce the amount of waste going forward.
- **Mary Poppins:** On April 30, our entire school took a field trip to Steve MacLean Public School to see a production of Mary Poppins, based on the Disney Junior script.
- **Spring Concert:** On May 6, all of our classes and our Grades 3, 4 and 5 choir put on a spring concert at Colonel By High School.
- **Inuit Kindergarten Workshops:** On May 16, the four kindergarten classes took part in an Inuit Games Workshop put on by the Inuuqatigiit (Eee-nu-ka-ti-geet) Centre for Inuit Children, Youth and Families (previously known as the Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre). Students took part in physical activities designed to improve strength, stability and stamina.
- **Talent Show:** On May 17, interested students participated in our school's student-directed talent show.
- **Aviation Museum Kindergarten Trips:** On May 21 and 22, the four kindergarten classes went on field trip to the Aviation Museum where they took part in an interactive tour.
- **Track and Field:** On May 24, Grades 3, 4 and 5 students participated in an in-school track and field meet, and the resulting track team went on to compete at Cairine Wilson Secondary School on June 10.
- **Cleaning Up the Capital Day:** Our students marked the Cleaning Up the Capital event during the week of May 27. Following Fun Fair, every class did their part to pick up litter from a section of our school yard.
- **Children's Charter Forum:** On June 4, ten students from Grades 3, 4 and 5 attended the Children's Charter Forum, hosted by Children First Canada. The students went to parliament as part of a youth delegation, and they discussed children's rights with federal MPs. At the end of the day, the students had a private meeting with the federal Finance Minister, where they presented him with their priorities for the next federal election. Watch this short [video](#) summarizing the day!
- **Rugby:** From June 10 to June 14, all classes are taking part in daily rugby workshops put on by the Ottawa Irish Rugby Club.
- **Dance Workshop:** On June 13, students in our Core French program will be taking part in a French dance workshop put on by The School of Dance, in partnership with the National Ballet of Canada. This year's choreography focuses on the themes of roots and identity.



- **Herd Activity:** On June 20, we will have our final school spirit event (or herd activity). All students will once again break into small groups and reflect upon the prosocial character traits they have expressed this year.
- **National Indigenous Peoples Day:** On June 21, our school will be marking National Indigenous Peoples Day. In anticipation of the day, and because the United Nations has declared 2019 the Year of Indigenous Languages, we have decorated our front bulletin board with simple Algonquin words that our students will be learning throughout the month of June.
- **Leaving Ceremony:** Our leaving ceremony for Grade 5 students will take place on June 25, from 1:00-2:30pm.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast:** Many thanks from our staff to Mary Martin and the Council members that provided the delicious Staff Appreciation Lunch on June 7. To return the favour, our staff is putting on a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on June 19 from 7:30-8:30am. Invitations have been sent out, but in case you missed yours, we cordially invite all parents/guardians who have volunteered to support us in any capacity.
- **Garden:** And finally, in partnership with the non-profit organization Growing Up Organic, our classes transplanted their seedlings into the school garden May 28, and we are now seeking volunteers to help water the garden over the summer.

3. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (Update in [Annex 1](#))

4. BUDGET (Report in [Annex 2](#))

- Current balance - \$15,000; projected August balance – \$11,000

5. ROUNDTABLE

- **OCASC meeting:** Report shared of discussion at the May, which one member attended on behalf of School Council. Agenda items included: update on OCDSB consultation on the Strategic Plan; update on the Parent Involvement Committee; need for clarity regarding the rules for overnight school trips; update on a special education pilot to integrate gifted students into regular classrooms and the Empower program; and the OCASC website updates and School Council websites.
- **Planning for next year:** Welcome BBQ; kinderyard refresh; useful to have plastic file boxes for Silent Auction.

Meeting adjourned

REMINDER:

- **Materials for Council babysitters:** School Council welcomes any donation of games or crafts supplies for the School Council babysitters to use; supplies will be kept at the school.



ANNEX 1

Fundraising Committee Update

Members: Margaret Rose, Stephanie Reid, Jamie McCallum, Leslie Gregory, Jancey Wallace, Tamara Taub, Sarah MacGregor, Danielle Armengaud, Jen Lowe

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Popcorn Day

Our last popcorn day was scheduled to be on June 21 but we sold out of popcorn at Fun Fair and because of the low number of orders per month and the short expiry dates of the popcorn we have decided to cancel the last popcorn day.

Fun Fair

Another spectacular **Fun Fair** and **Silent Auction** have come to a successful close. We hope you and your families all had a wonderful time! This event could not have happened without an abundance of hard work from a lot of amazing people. **A million thanks to:**

- Our fantastic [Fun Fair organizer](#), Jamie McCallum and her team
- Our terrific [Silent Auction coordinator](#), Jancey Harper and her team
- Our amazing [Student Volunteer Coordinator](#), Samantha McDonald
- Our very talented [Poster/map designer](#), Leslie Gregory
- Our wonderful [BBQ Coordinators](#), Curtis and Maria Shillington
- Our rockin' [DJ](#), Daniel Coldrey
- Our awesome [Treasurer](#), Margaret Rose
- A huge number of [adult volunteers](#) for set-up, ticket sales, coordination of student volunteers, BBQ, Silent Auction, bake sale, clean-up and much more - there are too many of you to name, but you know who you are!
- A long list of [student volunteers](#) who helped run Fun Fair games, fingernail painting, tattoos, cupcake decorating, etc.
- [Teachers & staff](#) at Robert Hopkins for all your help with the "glass turkey" raffle, Silent Auction, set-up & clean-up of Fun Fair
- [Chris Lavergne of K6 Media](#) for all the eye-catching signs for Fun Fair on site and around the neighbourhood
- [City Councillor Tim Tierney](#) for supplying the hot dogs and for helping out at the BBQ
- [School Trustee Sandra Schwartz](#) for pitching in at the BBQ
- [Action Martial Arts, BHCA, Ottawa Fire Services, Crock A Doodle & Pita Pit](#) for donating their time and / or profits from the day.
- And last but not least, a gigantic thank you to all of our [Silent Auction donors](#) - and to all of our bidders & buyers too!

Every single one of our volunteers, donors, supporters, and participating families contributed to the fun and success of our Fun Fair and we appreciate all of you!



We are thrilled to announce that the **Fun Fair & Silent Auction raised more than \$7000** (after expenses)! We don't have a way to measure attendance, but our best estimate is that over 900 people joined in the fun! These are terrific results, especially given the dicey weather that day. Thank you again to all the families who participated, and all the people who volunteered their time to help out! All proceeds from the Fun Fair & Auction go towards equipment and activities to enrich our children's school experience. Specifically, the funds raised at the event this year will be used to facilitate outdoor education opportunities for Rhop students.

Anyone with questions, comments or suggestions about the fun fair / silent auction, please direct them to Jamie McCallum at rhopcfundraising@gmail.com as we will be having a brief wrap up meeting in the coming weeks.



ANNEX 2

Treasury Report

April 2019 Statement

Prepared May 27, 2019

April 1 Balance: \$14,998.83

Deposits: \$2,463.55

\$923.55 Spring Dance
\$1460.00 PRO Grant and PIP
\$80 Popcorn

Withdrawals: -\$9,588.81

\$2,576 Yoga
\$1442.49 Snowshoes
\$1649.80 Fun Fair
\$3080 Ottawa 67s
\$155.52 Spring Dance
\$60 Jimmy Meets...
\$125 Food Bank Donation (Tornado Relief)
\$500 Cancelling deposit of found PIP cheque (new cheque combined)

April 30 Balance: \$7,873.57

Notes:

- 67s Fundraiser netted only \$135 after we paid for the tickets. This is because they charged us more than what was advertised to us and the problem could not be rectified, although they offered us a discount on next year's fundraiser if we do it again. It was fun, though!
- Spring Dance: Total attendance 256 people! Raised \$874.03 after expenses. Bake sale represented \$243 of that, and smoothies \$110.48 after expenses.
- It appears that we paid a \$40 penalty for the reissue of the grant cheques from the Board.

March 2019 Statement

Prepared April 4, 2019

March 1 Balance: \$14,031.83



Deposits: \$967

- \$127 Popcorn
- \$500 PIP funding
- \$170 67s fundraiser
- \$80 movie night
- \$90 Spring dance

Withdrawals: \$0

March 31 Balance: \$14,998.83

So far in April:

- Yoga replacement cheque \$2576
- OCDSB refund for snowshoes \$1442.49
- Spring dance income \$220

Current Balance: \$11,200.34

Outstanding invoices:

- Run Amok \$1649.80, overdue
- Colourful Chameleon \$530.00, due now
- Ottawa 67s \$3,080.00, overdue
- Orbital Talent \$847.50, due May 25
- Funlight Laser Tag \$932.25, due May 25
- Big Sky Ranch, \$825, no longer needed

Available Balance: \$5,940.54

February 2019 Statement

February 1 Balance: \$17,646.83

Deposits: \$743

- \$225 67s Game
- \$443 Movie Night
- \$75 Popcorn

Withdrawals: -\$4,358

- \$4,358 Scholastic book fair

February 28 Balance: \$14,031.83



January 2019 Statement

January 1 Balance: **\$14,338.33**

Deposits: \$5,308.50

\$194 Popcorn

\$2,820 67s Game

\$2,280 unknown Jan. 21

\$14.50 unknown Jan. 21

Withdrawals: -\$2,000

\$2000 Holiday gift cards

January 31 Balance: **\$17,646.83**