

Bayview School Council Annual Report - 2020-2021

About the Council

The Bayview School Council is a volunteer group made up of parents, a teacher representative, a community representative, and the school Principal. Our goals are to contribute to improving student achievement and school performance, providing enrichment activities for students and building an inclusive school community.

School Council meetings generally take place on the last Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 in the school library. However, during the pandemic, School Council meetings have taken place virtually through Google Meet.

2020-21 Council Members

Co-Chairs: Sara Parkes and Tony van der Mout

Treasurer: Jonathan Waldron

Secretary: Sarah Mitchell

Members at Large:

Angela Brennan

Phil Streets (Council email, website, communication)

Rosy Young

Principal: Natalie Makara

Teacher Representatives: Nathalie Vrana

Community representative: Chistine Johnson

Note from the Co-Chairs

It goes without saying the 2020-21 school year was different than previous ones because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of public health restrictions, we were unable to hold the usual events and initiatives we know the kids and our community look forward to every year – like Holly Fair at the school, pizza days and regular movie nights. The pandemic has caused us to rethink council activities we've done for years.

Despite these challenges, we found new ways to engage with our school community through a new Facebook group, and make sure our kids had a great school year. We re-imagined Holly Fair, which is usually an in-person event, and kept the spirit of the event by putting together and distributing activity packages for each student. We brought back favourite programs, such as Scientists in School and Love to Groove, to students through virtual classes they could do in class or at home. We contributed to the renovation of the Bayview School library, supplied books with a focus on diversity and representation of all, we helped teachers with classroom supplies and celebrated Bayview staff, we also provided supplies for the Body Break room and also ensured the school grounds remained green and treed.

Fundraising activities by the school council

Bayview School Council did not actively fundraise during the 2020-21 school year.

Council bank balance at the beginning of the year was \$16,677.29, which was carried over from the 2019-20 school year when expenses were not spent on programs that were deferred that year due to Covid-19.

School council also received \$110.55 from Mabel's Labels.

Spending plans of raised funds

School council funded the following programs:

Funding for library commons

Individual Stipend for Teachers to defray costs of additional classroom supplies

Teacher appreciation

Virtual Scientists in Schools

Virtual Love to Groove

Holly Fair activity packages for students

Supplying the Body Break Room

Purchase of school library books

Providing supply for the greening of the school grounds

Other activities by the school council

During the 2020-21 school year, Bayview School Council started a Facebook group to engage with the school community.

As well, the School Council organized along with other school chairs a speaker session for parents and guardians on the topic of self-regulation in children. The OCDSB offered this session instead of providing the former PRO Grant funding.

Comments for the successor school council

The 2021-22 school year is expected to be similar to last year, with ongoing challenges because of the pandemic, but much opportunity for creative ideas for engaging with the school community and working towards an enriching school experience for students. Last year, the School Council started the year with revenue transferred over from the 2019-20 year as Council work stopped with the pandemic onset. This year, to continue providing enrichments to Bayview students and families, council will have to find new and innovative ways to fundraise virtually in order to continue providing the initiatives the school council has funded in the past.