

**Bellmoore School Council  
Annual Report  
For the  
2016/17 School Year**

Dear Parents and School Community:

We hope you had a great summer and welcome back to the new school year! The Bellmoore School Council had a very rewarding 2017. The School Council held eight meetings and provided feedback on various issues throughout the year. These meetings were open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community. Minutes of the meetings are available for the public to review at the school office.

The purpose of the School Council is to help improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the educational system to parents. School Councils are advisory organizations. The main way of achieving this is by making recommendations to the principal of the school and to the School Board. Boards and principals are responsible for considering the recommendations and for advising the Council of the actions taken in response to their recommendations. Our School Council's 2016/17 goals were to engage and maintain parental participation and engagement in school life, to communicate effectively with families, and to support teachers and the school by providing advice, resources, and funding. Some of the items that we provided advice on are the following:

- School Improvement Plan
- Math Information Session to be held based on EQAO results
- Parking Lot Issues
- Accommodations Review

Fundraising activities were also conducted. This year, our main focus was on fundraising for library and classroom literacy resources. We were able to raise \$7,000 for this initiative in 2016/17. Other programs that were supported were teacher start-up funds, subsidies for volunteer police checks, the Volunteer Tea, a Grade 8 Graduation award, and a Movie Night to engage our school community. These fundraising activities are identified on the attached financial summary entitled 2016/17 School Council Funding and Expenditure Report which you can also find on the website and at the office.

We wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the School Council. Without your efforts, the success of initiatives like the Winter Bazaar, Samko & Miko, Mabel's Labels, and the Movie Night wouldn't be possible.

Finally we would like to encourage you to join School Council or if you are unable to commit to the year, join us for a meeting when you can.

**Wishing you a wonderful school year ahead!**

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