

Bellmoore School Council
Annual Report for the 2017/18 School Year

To the School Community of Bellmoore Public School:

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you had a chance to enjoy the summer with you loved ones. The Bellmoore School Council was very active in 2017/18. Seven meetings were held (plus various sub-committee meetings) and we 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 on the School's website under Family Info. Zone and 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 2017/18 goals (carried forward from last year) 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. The following are some of the items that we provided advice on:

- School Improvement Plan
- Parking Lot Issues
- Bellmoore School Accommodation Pressure Review
- School dress code

We also had the opportunity to update the School Council By-laws.

Fundraising activities were also conducted by School Council. At the beginning of each school year, School Council determines the areas of focus for our fundraising initiatives. For 2017/18, it was decided to fundraise for school gym equipment and student math manipulatives. The fundraising activities initiative by School Council contributed \$7,000 for these items in 2017/18. Other programs that were supported were subsidies for volunteer police checks, the Staff Appreciation Luncheon, support to the SNAC program, and a Movie Night to engage our school community. These fundraising activities are identified on the attached financial summary entitled 2017/18 School Council Funding and Expenditure Report which you can also find on the website and at the office.

We wish to acknowledge and thank the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of School Council activities. Without your hard work and dedication, the success of initiatives like the Winter Bazaar, Samko & Miko, Mabel's Labels, and the Movie Night would not be possible. In fact, plans for the Bazaar are well under way. If you are able to volunteer, please email bellmooreschoolcouncil@hotmail.com

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

Wishing you a wonderful school year!

Christy Wallingham, Diana Schmuck, Leanne Muir, Julia Penman, Stacey Davis, Jennifer Smith

Michelle Houghton, Hayley Redmond, Tami McKenzie, Shannon Collerman, Katie Armstrong

2017- 2018 Bellmoore School Council Fundraising Report

School Council raised:

\$ 6,633.91 from the Bazaar

\$ 118.55 from Mabel's Labels

\$ 233.14 from Samco&Miko

Total: \$ 6985.60

School Council Funded Initiatives:

\$ 2831.51 on Math Manipulatives

\$ 3584.98 on Gym Equipment

\$ 505.64 on Staff Appreciation

Total: \$ 6922.13