

A Message from our School Council Chair:

Hello CB Stirling Families,

I would like to welcome all of our new and returning students back to another year at C.B Stirling. Last year when fundraising was next to impossible this community came together to support the students of CB Stirling. I would like to thank everyone who donated, participated in the few pizza days we had, and who came to Family Fun Night.

Due to our amazing donors we were able to go above and beyond in purchasing outdoor winter and summer equipment for each grade and still had a little left over for replacements this year as needed.

We also applied for a grant through the school board's Parent Involvement Committee, which we were granted \$905 of the \$1000 we asked for. With this grant we were able to plan, organize and hold a successful Family Fun Night. We hope you had fun!

In the past we have hosted pancake breakfast, run movie nights, financially contributed to grade 8 year end trips and grad celebrations, among many other things. We hope to return to these roles this year.

So what is School Council you ask? And Why should I check out a meeting?

What we learn during our meetings varies month to month. Typically, we get an update of things happening in the school, learn about different school programs, and get to voice parent concerns. In the past we have had guest speakers from the school who were running programs or doing new and creative things in their classes. Additionally, we have the opportunity to ask questions and plan fundraising and community events.

School Council has been a rewarding experience for me. Getting to know the teachers, principal and support staff as people has provided positive insight. I have also met other amazing parents who I have formed friendships with, and I have seen our kids want to get involved too. In a world of so much uncertainty, it was nice to know that we were still trying to enrich the lives of all the kids at CB Stirling. I promise we aren't like the PTA's you see represented on TV and in Movies.

We are always looking for new members to join School Council. If you have attended one of our events in the past and thought if only they did this or I could have suggested that, please come out and share your ideas on how we can make CB a positive experience for all its students. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please join us on October 4 at 7pm in the library, if you can't make it in person but are interested in joining virtually we are hoping to make that an option as well! You can send me an email to cbstirlingsc@hwdsb.on.ca, say hi on the playground or join our Facebook page, CB Stirling School Council where we post updates from meetings and reminders of upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Shannon Lavallee

Chair CB Stirling School Council

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