

School Council

Annual Report

September 22, 2016

I would like to start by thanking all the parents, the teachers and staff from EK and the community members who participated in last year's School Council. I would like to thank you all for your attendance at the meeting, participation in discussions and decision making and for your work on the various projects and committees formed last year. We had a very productive year and it would not have been possible without everyone's help and support.

Here is an overview of the accomplishments of the 2015/2016 school year:

We revitalized the Ampitheatre Space in the back playground. The ground was graded to improve water run off and artificial turf was laid to make the area a more useable space for play and outdoor lessons. Funds for the project came from the money awarded to the school from the 2014 PBAC. Thank you in particular to Vice Chair Christy H, and Kate F as well as Richelle Bratuz for their work on the Playground Sub Committee.

We have applied for the 2016 PBAC and have made the top 20 of projects which will be awarded money from the city. We have not yet been informed of the amount.

We participated in the Safe Travel Plan in partnership with Hamilton Public Health and the Kirkendell Neighbourhood Assoc. The Parents and Students of EK participated in surveys which will help the city and board make improvements that will encourage the development of safe travel routes for children who are walking to school. Thank you especially to Hanna M. who headed up the Sub Committee for this project.

We were awarded money from our PROGrant application in the 2015/16 school year and it was used to fund a Social Media Awareness Seminar that was held for Grade 4 and 5 students as well as their parents. The event was a success with positive feedback regarding the speaker and the information. We applied for the 2016/2017 school year and have been awarded the money to be used towards a project that encourages parent engagement.

For the upcoming 2016/17 school year:

We have to decide how to spend the remaining 2014 PBAC money as well as any additional funds we may receive from the 2016 PBAC.

We will also need to determine how to spend this year's PROGrant Award.

We may also wish to readdress the issue of Safe Travel for the upcoming year. The city has made quite a few improvements to the streets in the community but there are still ongoing parking and safe crossing issues for families that walk to school.

Thank you again,

Allison Savage