

School Council
Annual Report
September 19, 2019

I would like to start by thanking all the parents, the teachers and staff from Ryerson who participated in last year's School Council. I would like to thank you all for your attendance at the meetings, participation in discussions and decision making and for your work on the various projects and committees formed last year.

Here is an overview of the accomplishments of the 2018/2019 school year:

Money raised from Parent donations was used to help purchase the license for the school musical, team buses, new sofas for the library and a license for movie nights. New school sports team shirts were purchased with money donated from local law firm *Hughes and Bale LLP*.

We hosted a Telling Tales event in November with Author Vickie Van Sickle. Feedback for the event was positive although attendance was lower than hoped. Despite numerous communications sent to the school community, many parents were unaware the event was taking place. Communication was sent in the form of flyers and school emails.

We were awarded money from our PROGrant application in the 2017/18 school year and it was used to fund a Pollinator Workshop, with speakers Adrian Hodgson and Cindy Thomas. The event was a success with positive feedback regarding the speaker and the information. \$300 has been carried over for the purpose of an art and science collaboration project. We would like to ask for staff participation to help lead this. This was likely the last event to be funded by ProGrant, as the program was cancelled for the current year.

The Grade 8 Grad Committee organized a successful Graduation Ceremony. The decision was made at the beginning of the year to ask parents of Graduates for a \$20 Graduation fee to cover the cost of the ceremony and after party. Money raised successfully covered the cost of decorations, food and a photographer to take photos of the graduates.

For the upcoming 2019/2020 school year:

The Parent donation program continues to be a successful way to raise money for the school and the new Grad Fee program proved to be a more effective way to plan and organize graduation.

All the best for the upcoming school year.

Thank you again,

Allison Savage