



Tapleystown School Council Annual Report for the 2019/20 School Year

Dear Parents and School Community:

We would like to thank you, the parents, guardians and caregivers, so much for all your help and participation this year! And what a year that was!

Although the physical year was very short, the Tapleystown School Council had a very busy 2019/20 school year. The school council held 5 meetings, before the Covid shutdown, on September 18th, October 8th, November 12th, January 21st, and February 11th. Council worked on various issues during the year including gas lines and air conditioners for the portables, new sound system for the gym and graduation hoodies. Council also supported our wonderful Holiday luncheon, and frozen yogurt and popcorn days. These meetings are open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community. Minutes of meetings held and financial records are available for public inspection at the school office and on our school website. Our first meeting will be in September 2020, check our school website for updates on the date. We hope to see you out next year!

The purpose of the school council is to help improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. School councils are advisory organizations. A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations to the principal of the school and the school board. Boards and principals are responsible for considering the recommendations made by each school council and for advising the council(s) of the actions taken in response to the recommendations.

Fund-raising activities were also cut short, but the activities we did conduct were successful, and the proceeds were used to fund projects in accordance with school board policies.

Kernel's Popcorn – fundraising towards student support – we raised \$250.65!

Fresh from the Farm – fundraising towards gym equipment – we raised \$878.60!

Truso (hair products) – fundraising towards new audio/video equipment – we raised \$863.87!

Old Scoreboard – sold and money put towards new audio / video equipment – \$300!

Chocolate Bars – fundraising towards new A/V equipment and Gr8 Grad – \$2614.74! (to be confirmed due to Covid)

Our multi year initiative for the playground is now at: \$3229.60!

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 last year. Special thanks are due to the following members of the 2019/20 School Council:

Executive Members:

Cathy Abbott – Council Chair

Michelle Timson – Council Vice-Chair

Carrie Meyer – Council Treasurer

Diana Rodgers – Council Secretary

Chris Perry – Teacher Rep

Adele D'Antonio – Community Rep

Brandon Berketa – School Principal

Reneé Davie – Council Member

Zendra Bell – Council Member

Lescia Valentini – Council Member

Susi Owen – Council Member

Raj Johal – Council Member

Alisha Rullo – Council Member

Andrea Cook – Council Member

Diane VandenHoven-King – Council Member

Lil Kot – Council Member

Fundraising efforts provided a new AV System for the gymnasium, new sports equipment and Houseleague shirts for our teams. Council also provided funding for online educational programs (i.e. Starfall)

We would also like to thank all the parent volunteers that assisted in the various fundraisers and activities in the school! Without your help, we could not accomplish so much!

Finally, we would like to wish the best of luck to candidates in the September 2020/21 School Council elections.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Abbott – Chair

Michelle Timson – Vice-Chair

June 2020