



Taplestown School Council Annual Report for the 2020/21 School Year

Dear Parents, Guardians and School Community:

We would like to thank you, the parents, guardians and caregivers, so much for all your help and participation in the School Council this year! What a year that was, with in person learning, remote learning, and covid! Hopefully next year will return to normal.

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.

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 2021, check our school website for updates on the date. We hope to see you out next year!

The school council held 8 meetings this year, on October 8th, October 21st, November 18th, January 20th, February 17th, March 10th, and May 19th. Council worked on various initiatives during the year including an AMAZING scavenger hunt, graduation hoodies, holiday lunch, outdoor upgrades, spirit wear, and a wonderful modified Gr8 graduation!

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Fund-raising activities were not available this year, due to the pandemic, but hopefully we can fundraise again next year!

A portion of our multiyear initiative is finally being utilized in the installation of new gaga ball courts!

We are closing out the year with a balance of \$2618.96.

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 2020/21 School Council:

Executive Members:

School Principal: Brandon Berketa

Council Chair: Cathy Abbott

Council Vice-Chair: Michelle Timson

Council Treasurer: Carrie Meyer

Council Secretary: Diana Rodgers

Teacher Representative: Chris Perry

Community Representative: Adele D'Antonio

Council Member: Reneé Davie

Council Member: Zendra Bell

Council Member: Lescia Valentini

Council Member: Susi Owen

Council Member: Lil Kot

We would also like to thank all the volunteers that attended the meetings and assisted the school. We wouldn't be able to do as much without you! We look forward to your return next year and welcome any new volunteers who would like to attend the meetings or work with the various activities. No time frame is too small! Please contact School Council if you would like to help!

Finally, we would like to wish the best of luck to candidates in the September 2021/22 School Council elections.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Abbott – Chair

Michelle Timson – Vice-Chair

June 2021