

Westwood Elementary School Council

Annual Report

2018-2019 School Year



Westwood
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and School Community:

The Westwood School Council had a productive and successful year. The school council held 4 meetings this year. These meetings were open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community. School Council also worked on various initiatives during the year including fundraising, Wellness Night, and family Nights (movie nights and Bingo night).

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. Accordingly, the advice that the school council provided to the principal and to the school board in 2018-2019, as well as the responses from the principal and school board on how this advice was taken into account in decision making can be found within the council meeting minutes which are publicly available on the [Westwood School web site](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/westwood/school-council/) at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/westwood/school-council/>.

Our Westwood Council was able to achieve great success in 2018-2019, such as:

- Organized and facilitated the holiday fundraiser,
- Organized and facilitated a Fall Bake sale. Both of these fundraisers provided students with new, better working fans in each classroom, as well as new playground equipment for all grades.
- Organized and facilitated a successful Mindfulness Day for students and parents.

As indicated above, fundraising activities were conducted, and the proceeds were used to fund projects in accordance with school board policies. The fundraising and financial activities

related to the school council's administrative activities are identified in the attached financial summary entitled "Westwood Finances 2018-2019- ALL ACCOUNTS - Final Statement". Minutes of meetings held and financial records are available for public inspection on the [Westwood School web site](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/westwood/school-council/) at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/westwood/school-council/>.

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 this year. Special thanks are due to the following members of the 2018-2019 school council for going above and beyond their call of duty to serve our students and community:

- Tom Ro - Principal
- Melissa Pejic-Teacher
- Melanie Bainbridge - Parent & Treasurer
- Jessica Elcomb – Parent & Secretary
- Cherylin Foxin-Parent
- Michelle Letourneau-Parent
- Krysten and Bryan Naylor-parents
- Wayne Thompson-Parents
- Liz-public health

Finally, the first council meeting of the 2019-2020 school year will be held on Tuesday September 24th, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the school library. In that meeting, an election will be held to vote in council members for the 2019-2020 year. Please come out and participate - we need parents to help advocate for the success of our students!

Issues that we foresee as being important matters for the consideration of the new school council following the September 2019-2020 elections include a continued possible grant opportunities, fundraising for student initiatives, and increasing experiential learning opportunities for students.

Sincerely yours,

Shelly Frith and Erin Copeland
Council Co-Chairs

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