

# Annual Report for the 2018/2019 School Year

#### **School Council Members:**

Chair: Crystal Logan
Vice Chair: Shannon McLaren
Treasurer: Krista MacIsaac
Secretary: Elise Currie

Fundraising Chair: Debbie Hameluck

OCASC Representative: Phil McKee

Volunteer Coordinator: Jennifer Demone Communications Officer: Allyson Rayment

Members at Large: Jane de Laat (September 2018-May 2019)

Andrew and Kelly Stanzel

Christianne Aussant & Leigh Golden

Neiroz Hagkalil (September 2018 - November 2018) Sarah Galbraith (September 2018-November 2018)

## **Meeting Dates:**

September 18, October 24, November 28, December 19, January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 19.

First meeting of 2018/19: Wednesday, September 18, 2019. All are welcome to attend!

Dear Parents and Jockvale Community,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a safe and enjoyable summer! The Jockvale Elementary School Council had a busy and rewarding 2018/2019 school year. We welcomed our new Vice-Principal, Janis St. Germain, developed a new task force called "Fight Hidden Hunger" to help students, drafted a new principal profile, funded a brand new STEM lab for the school (with some funds allotted from 2017/2018), worked closely with the school to ensure that our students needs were covered, held numerous successful events and fundraisers, started the planning on a new shade structure/formed the committee, supported a variety of initiatives from the school, and developed a sense of community.

The role of school council is to enrich the student educational experience, to enhance accountability of the education system to parents, and to serve an advisory role to the school administration. During the 2018/1 school year, we advised the administration on the following topics:



- Photography company for school photos: Edge Imaging was brought on this year with great success. A few concerns were raised and there will be a few changes in the upcoming year.
- Hunger in the Classroom: This great need became a large focus for Council in 2018/2019 and a task force was formed. Through fundraising and community donations, this task force was able to provide food bowls in every classroom starting after the holiday break. These bowls were replenished on a regular basis and food was available to students throughout the day. Administration noted a significant drop in behaviour issues once this program came into effect.
- Fundraising priorities: Following a poll from the previous year, our fundraising priorities were outlined at the beginning of the year. The main priorities were STEM related projects and a shade structure.
- Communication: Council worked closely with administration to ensure an effective communication strategy. In the spring, Council also took over the "Jockvale Elementary School Parents" group on Facebook and have worked hard to disseminate accurate and helpful information through this and other channels.

## **Fundraising:**

Council devoted a great deal of effort toward fundraising in 2018/19. Some of our fundraising activities included:

- Food programs (pizza, Lunch lady, hot dogs, Subway)
- Halloween Dance
- Spring Dance/Games Night
- McDonald's Night
- Movie Nights
- Budding Artists
- Vesey's bulbs in fall and spring
- Jingle Jangle Bazaar
- Little Caesar's pizza kits
- Chocolate Bar Sales
- 2 Trivia Nights (Partnered with the Barrhaven Lions)
- Boston Pizza Night
- Popcorn Fridays

For a full report on fundraising activities, please see appendix A (Financial Report).

These and other fundraisers allowed us to fund:

- Reimbursements for out-of-pocket teacher expenses (up to \$100 each)
- Funding of Jockvale's Makerspace
- Anti-Bullying Magic Show
- Board Games for Classroom Use
- Personal Dictionaries for Grade 1 students
- Add money to our shade structure fund
- Books for the library
- Jockvale t-shirts for every Jockvale student



- Outdoor play equipment for kindergarten classes
- Painted games on the pavement on the school yard
- Luv 2 Groove Dance Clinics
- Gaga Pit
- Alternative learning space furniture
- Fruit bowls in every classroom
- And more!

### **Financial Information:**

Opening balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on August 1, 2017	\$17,027.93
The amount raised by school council during the year August 1, 2017 and July 31, 2018	\$56,258.48
The amount spent by school council during the year August 1, 2017 and July 31, 2018	\$58,408.00
Closing balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on July 31, 2018	\$14,678.13

A full financial report for the year is included in Appendix A.

We would like to take the time to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who came together to make the 2018/19 year a success for our council, including council members, parent and community volunteers, administration, and everyone who contributed financially to our fundraising goals. We wish the best of luck to all of the candidates in the 2019/20 JESC elections at our September meeting. Issues that we anticipate will be relevant for the incoming council include:

- Shade Structure: This committee was formed this past year and plans should be well underway to get things really rolling this upcoming school year.
- Ongoing boundary changes and overcrowding at JMSS and LDHHS: While this doesn't affect our students directly now, it may later. Also, placement of portables at JMSS may become an issue for Jockvale as they are running out of space (and their council have suggested that they should take some of the Jockvale yard).

Sincerely, Crystal Logan Chair September 18, 2019