



**Annual Report
for the
2019/2020 School Year**

School Council Members:

Chair:	Crystal Logan
Vice Chair:	Shannon McLaren
Treasurer:	Krista MacIsaac
Secretary:	Elise Currie
Fundraising Chair:	Vacant
OCASC Representative:	Phil McKee
Volunteer Coordinator:	Jennifer Demone
Communications Officer:	Rhianne Chapman (September 2019 - November 2019)
Members at Large:	Jacque Comstock Jalila Mouaoui (September 2019 - November 2019) Leigh Golden Debbie Hameluck

Meeting Dates:

September 18, October 2, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 12, March 4, April 6 (Virtual), May 25 (Virtual)

First meeting of 2020/21: Wednesday, October 14, 2020. All are welcome to attend!

Dear Parents and Jockvale Community,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a safe and enjoyable summer, given everything going on in the world! Last school year was a challenging one for JESC given the many outside factors that influenced the school year. Job action in early 2020 caused uncertainty in early 2020 which slowed our activities and then the school shut downs due to the COVID-19 pandemic in March, brought everything to a stop. Despite all this, our council should be proud of our accomplishments and look forward to new opportunities in this “new normal”.

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 2019/20 school year, we advised the administration on the following topics:

- Fight Hidden Hunger: This program was launched in the previous school year and has been successful at providing students with snacks throughout the day in a way that is designed to eliminate stigma. Each classroom had a fruit bowl and additional snacks were available in the office to students who requested them. Food is available to all students regardless of need.
- Fundraising priorities: Early in the school year, the Fight Hidden Hunger campaign, the ongoing shade structure fundraising, and being able to support the school's



requests were identified as priorities. The shade structure was obviously put on the back burner as things changed throughout the year.

- Communication: Council worked closely with administration to ensure an effective communication strategy. Information is shared through emails from the school, our Facebook page and Group, as well as some newsletters throughout the year.

Fundraising:

Council devoted a great deal of effort toward fundraising in 2019/2020. There were many additional fundraising initiatives that had to be cancelled.

- Food programs (pizza, Lunch lady, hot dogs, Subway)
- Halloween Dance
- McDonald's Night
- Movie Nights
- Budding Artists
- Jingle Jangle Bazaar
- Little Caesar's pizza kits
- Popcorn Fridays

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

These and other fundraisers allowed us to fund:

- Food bowls in every classroom
- Holiday hampers for families in need
- Teacher reimbursements of up to \$100 per teacher
- Food program subsidies
- Library books
- Chromebooks
- Gym equipment
- Personal Dictionaries for students in primary grades
- A new popcorn machine

Financial Information:

Opening balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on August 1, 2019	\$14,678.13
The amount raised by school council during the year August 1, 2019 and July 31, 2020	\$34,510.13
The amount spent by school council during the year August 1, 2019 and July 31, 2020	\$26,609.81
Closing balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on July 31, 2020	\$22,578.45

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 most of the 2019/20 school year. It was a successful year, despite the setbacks and this is due to the outstanding commitment of all council members, parent and community volunteers, administration, school staff, and everyone who contributed financially to our fundraising efforts. We wish the best of luck to all of the candidates in the 2020/2021 JESC elections at our AGM. Issues that we anticipate to be relevant for the incoming council include:

- The role of council in this “new normal”. Pandemic rules and guidelines are going to limit or eliminate that many activities that we would normally do throughout the school year. The new council will need to be creative in everything they do and should consider the following priorities:
 - New fundraising initiatives that limit contact.
 - Building community when we all have to be apart.
 - Maintaining the food bowls.
- Larger items such as the Shade Structure will likely need to be delayed until things get back to normal.

Sincerely,
Crystal Logan
Chair
October 14, 2020