



**Annual Report
for the
2017/2018 School Year**

School Council Members:

Chair:	Rotem Brajtman (September 2017 - May 2018) Sarah Galbraith (May 2018 - present)
Vice Chair:	Sarah Galbraith (September 2017 - May 2018)
Treasurer:	Cheryl McDowall
Secretary:	Shannon McLaren
Fundraising Chair:	Krista MacIsaac
OCASC Representative:	Phil McKee (Jan 2018 - present)
Volunteer Coordinator:	Jennifer Demone
Communications Officer:	Crystal Logan
Members at Large:	Jane de Laat Debbie Hameluck Andrew and Kelly Stanzel Denise Vranas Shane Richer (Sep 2017 - Jan 2018) Pascal Edwards (Sep 2017 - Jan 2018) Cindy Frazer (Sep - Oct 2017)

Meeting Dates:

September 13, October 25, November 15, December 6, January 31, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 30, June 20.

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

Dear Parents and Jockvale Community,

Welcome back! We hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer, full of adventures! The Jockvale Elementary School Council had a very rewarding 2017/2018. We welcomed our new principal, Robyn Darragh, drafted a new principal profile, supported the school through a deficit, collectively opposed the OCDSB proposal to have all councils do their banking through the board, clarified the role of school council, approved amendments to the council constitution, drafted some standard operating procedures for council, implemented a new "wishlist" form for council fund requests, said goodbye to our vice-principal Beatrice Ocquaye, and welcomed our new vice-principal Janice St. Germain,

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 2017/18 school year, we advised the administration on the following topics:



- Photography company for school photos: parent feedback was generally negative regarding the quality of school photos. The school will be going with Edge Imaging this year.
- Subsidies for students in need: Council discussed the need for subsidies for the swimming program, as well as food programs for some students. Council ultimately was in favour of supporting these initiatives, and provided a slush fund for the administration to use for students they identified as needing financial assistance.
- Fundraising priorities: We administered a poll to teachers and parents to determine what the school community's priorities are, and where they would like to see funds allocated. Teacher priorities were technology (especially Chromebooks), workshops, and outdoor items (shade structure, toys, sandbox). Parent feedback suggested the highest priority for them is STEM resources.
- Banking through the board: Collectively, JESC was opposed to the OCDSB proposal for all schools to do their banking through the school board. Some members of council attended the board meeting where this issue was addressed. A motion passed to defer the topic to the 2018/19 school year, after the provincial and municipal elections.
- Communication from administration: Council passed along positive parent feedback regarding the quality and frequency of communication from the principal, especially the weekly newsletter.

Fundraising:

Council devoted a great deal of effort toward fundraising in 2017/18. Some of our fundraising activities included:

- Food programs (pizza, Lunch lady, hot dogs, Subway)
- Food trucks at meet the teacher
- Halloween and Spring Dances
- McDonald's Night
- Movie Nights (Nov 17, Dec 8, Jan 19, Mar 23, May 25)
- Art night
- Vesey's bulbs in fall and spring
- Jingle Jangle Bazaar
- Sens ticket silent auction
- Little Caesar's pizza kits

For a full report on fundraising activities, please see appendix A.

These and other fundraisers allowed us to fund:

- Reimbursements for out-of-pocket teacher expenses (up to \$100 each)
- Soccer nets
- Saidat assembly
- Supply of backup clothing for the office, in case of accidents
- Blue Spruce reading program
- Junkyard Symphony assembly
- Two schlockey boards for outdoor play



- Swimming and food program subsidies
- Dictionaries for primary students
- Spring Fling year end celebration
- Vegetable garden for gardening club (pending)
- Contribution toward a field trip for all students
- New projection screen for the gym
- Jockvale t-shirts for each student in 2018/19

Financial Information:

Opening balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on August 1, 2017	\$13,325.66
The amount raised by school council during the year August 1, 2017 and July 31, 2018	\$40,827.58
The amount spent by school council during the year August 1, 2017 and July 31, 2018	\$37,189.56*
Closing balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on July 31, 2018	\$17,336.18

***including \$372.50 in GST/HST, rebate applied for and pending.**

A full financial report for the year is included in Appendices B-F.

We would like to take the time to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who came together to make the 2017/18 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 2018/19 JESC elections at our September meeting. Issues that we anticipate will be relevant for the incoming council include:

- Accommodation review: an ongoing assessment of the board's properties, and how best to allocate resources. Includes new schools, merging schools, closing schools. Jockvale is currently below capacity, but population of Barrhaven is increasing.
- Banking through the board: has been deferred until after the municipal election cycle. Council will need to come to a consensus regarding their stance on the board's proposal, have a representative at OCASC meetings, and send delegate(s) to board meetings if necessary.
- Municipal election October 22. Council may want to team up with other schools to host an all-candidates meeting.
- Outdoor feature: Council has been fundraising for an outdoor feature for several years. We suggest that this year's council decide whether to keep this as a fundraising objective, and if so, to make a decision regarding a clear goal in this respect.

Sincerely,
Sarah Galbraith
Acting Chair
September 10, 2018



Jockvale Elementary School Council

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