

Adrienne Clarkson Elementary School Council Annual Report 2018 - 2019

Thanks to ACES families, staff, and community members' steadfast participation and continuous generosity to the various community-building events and fundraising programs organised to benefit our students, Adrienne Clarkson Elementary School Council is proud to report a successful 2018 - 2019!

As always, taking part fundraising programs is optional. **All** monies collected are allocated to extra-curricular initiatives that enhance our students' learning and experiences. ACES School Council proudly supported the following endeavours during the 2018 - 2019 school year:

- Hot Lunch Program (October 2018 to June 2019)
 - The Lunch Lady
 - Subway Day
 - Hotdog Day
 - Topper's Pizza Day
- Halloween Family Dance (October 25th, 2018)
- Cake Raffle (February 11th, 2019)
- Papa Jack's Popcorn Days (March 19th, 26th, April 2nd & 9th, 2019)
- Family Movie Night (April 11th, 2019)
- Teacher & Staff Appreciation (June 7th, 2019)
- End of Year Community BBQ (June 13th, 2019)
- ACES Apparel & Spirit Wear (available year-round)

Furthermore, ACES School Council is pleased to report having been selected as one of the successful OCDSB recipients of a Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant in the 2018 - 2019 school year, funding which was applied to secure the following two parent workshops:

- Technology & Media: Impact on Child Development (April 25th)
Guest Speaker: Janice Lizotte, Speech Language Pathologist, OCDSB
- The Parent Network: Social Media & Your Kids (May 23rd)
Guest Speaker: Matthew Johnson, Director of Education, Media Smarts

In addition to coordinating the various fundraising events our school community has come to expect over the years, ACES Council also endeavoured in the following behind-the-scenes initiatives, which were largely centred on adopting more effective communication strategies:

- The development of a solid online presence through the construction of a school council website designed to be a reference point for the community and council members alike
- The creation of an ACES School Council Facebook Page to serve as hub of timely reminders and updates related to ongoing and/or upcoming council activities.

Council's other initiatives included the implementation of procedures aimed to promote sustainability of council programs from one year to the next, facilitating the transfer of knowledge to future councils:

- The devising of orientation packages for new council members
- Compiling an accessible repository of "how to..." guides outlining the basics of planning events

Council also advised Principal Simpson and Vice Principal Christie on the selection of a school photographer in keeping with criteria that would appeal to families school-wide (picture quality, customizable backgrounds and poses, quick turnaround time, availability of sibling photos, etc), while remaining cognisant the final decision was ultimately theirs.

Over the course of the 2018 - 2019 school year, ACES School Council held ten meetings: (September 17th, October 15th, November 12th, December 10th, January 14th, February 11th, March 4th, April 8th, May 12th, and June 10th). These meetings were 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.

While much was accomplished in 2018 - 2019, issues for consideration by future councils include:

- Review and/or revision of ACES School Council Constitution
- Building community across ACES families and staff
- Building community within council itself
- Promoting visibility of council through sharing of achievements
- Increasing transparency regarding allocation of monies raised
- Improving repository of information promoting sustainability of council initiatives

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 2018 - 2019 school council:

- Sue Christie for arranging any requested equipment for our meetings and events,
- Julie Corrigan for keeping us updated on classroom news and extra-curricular events, as well as her willingness to use her “teacher voice” to keep the hallways clear during the Halloween Family Dance and Family Movie Night,
- John Lymer for writing cheques, keeping our accounts, setting up our new online payment system with Bambora, and being our voice at OCASC,
- Ron Park for always volunteering to tear down and clean up after council events, and
- Kristen MacIntosh for helping to coordinate the Cake Raffle, making flyers, creating a welcome to council information sheet, and volunteering at every Hot Lunch Day.

Thank you all for committing your time and energy to making our school an even better place for our students!

Finally, whether you have accompanied your child on a field trip, volunteered for Scientists in School, shelved books in the library, popped in at 2nd nutrition break to help out with the hot lunch program, made play dough at home, attended a dance, or reminded your child about an upcoming Spirit Day, ACES School Council is grateful to all community members who volunteer at and support ACES in any capacity! Thanks to each of you!



Together, we are an association of volunteer parents/guardians, teachers, and community members dedicated to supporting and improving student learning at Adrienne Clarkson Elementary School. School Council is a valuable home/school link that supports the learning environment of our students. As an advisory body, the ACES School Council achieves its goals by maintaining a school-wide focus and providing advice to the principal, and school board on significant education issues, and by planning activities that support the active participation of parents/guardians and our wonderful ACES Community.

ACES School Council meets every second Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the ACES library and is open to everyone in our school community! We encourage you to join us to learn about our initiatives, ask questions, and share your concerns. Even if you just want to drop in and listen, we encourage you to stop by!

ACES School Council Members 2018 - 2019

Chairperson	Joe Rauti		Parent Representative	Gloria Annable
Vice Chairperson	Ritu Nanner		Parent Representative	Laura Kealey
Treasurer & Ottawa Carleton Association of School Councils (OCASC) Representative	John Lymer		Parent Representative	Kristen MacIntosh
Secretary	Melissa Hunt		Parent Representative	Marie McGahan
Teacher Representative	Julie Corrigan		Parent Representative	Ron Park
Community Representative	Vacant		Parent Representative	Eileen Reid

Principal	Richard Simpson
Vice Principal	Sue Christie

2018 - 2019 ACES School Council Event & Program Coordinators

Hot Lunch Program Coordinator	Eileen Reid
Halloween Family Dance Coordinator	Melissa Hunt
Cake Raffle Coordinators	Sanjiva Sondagar & Kristen MacIntosh
Popcorn Days Coordinators	Laura Kealy & Melissa Hunt
Family Movie Nights Coordinators	Melissa Hunt & Kristen MacIntosh
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Coordinator	Ritu Nanner
End of Year Community BBQ Coordinators	Kelly Freisen & Bernadette Campbell
PRO Grant Coordinator	Gloria Annable
Website Administrator	Ritu Nanner
Facebook Page Moderators	Gloria Annable, Melissa Hunt, Ritu Nanner

ACES School Council Financial Statement 2018 - 2019

Opening balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments and cash on hand on August 31, 2018	\$7 106.45
The amount raised by school council during the year August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019	\$46 003.16
The amount spent by school council during the year August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019	\$49 007.97
Closing balance of all reconciled bank accounts, Investments and cash on hand July 31, 2019	\$4 101.64
Portion of above amount raised which was collected through the school's School Cash Online program	\$22 885.02

ACES School Council-Supported Projects & Accomplishments in 2018 - 2019

Larvae for butterfly garden	\$100
Lunch subsidy for families requiring support	\$500
4 Subscriptions to Raz Kids online guided reading program for 4 classrooms @ \$145 each	\$572
Forest of Reading Program	\$2348
Round trip school bussing for field trip or enrichment activities per class @ \$250 per class	\$6500
Scientists in Schools @ \$195 per workshop per 30 students	\$5070
4 subscriptions to Lecture enfants French online guided reading program for 4 classrooms @ \$60 each	\$240
2 iPads for Kindergarten team	\$900
Winter sleds for school-wide use	\$488
Round trip bussing to Choralfest	\$250
Triple hoop for Kindergarten yard	\$2138
Grade 6 graduation/leaving party	\$750
Annual fee for online lunch-ordering hosting site	\$315
Water table for Kindergarteners, exercise bike, ukuleles, tuners, replacement strings, collaboratory enhancements	\$5500
Support for grade 6 graduation party	\$750
First Aid Kit for Council Events (\$200)	\$200
Refreshments and honorarium for technology & youth mental health guest speakers	\$220
Secured childcare for families attending talks (\$136)	\$136
Retirement Gifts	\$74
Total	\$26 931

		
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