

Manor Park School Council 2013-2014 Year End Report

On behalf of the Manor Park School Council, I am pleased to provide an annual report of the work the Council accomplished over the 2013-2014 school year.

The purpose of any School Council is to support the school in its goals, help parents understand the educational system, and provide input and recommendations to the principal and school board. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings, read our monthly newsletter and access our Council website.

Thank you to all the individuals who volunteered their time over the past school year as a School Council member. This hard work and dedication is much appreciated:

Chair – Leigh Anne Richardson	Junior Representative – Vacant
Vice Chair – Wendy Colthart	Representative to OCASC – Nancy Grinberg
Secretary – Mary Ruth Endicott	Members at Large - Ray O’Flaherty, Melissa Gomes
Representative of the MP Home and School Association (Treasurer) – Erin Yoshida	Community Liaison – Christina Kaiser
Communication Coordinators – Tami O’Dette and Sharon Leslie	Past Chair – Marie Blythe Hallman
Kindergarten Representative – Nikolaus Jakubinek	Teacher Representatives – Donna Muldoon, Susan Steele, Maha Albari
Primary Representative – Kathryn Pizana	Vice Principal – Laura Frappier
	Principal – Sue Massaad

Meetings

The Council held regular meetings and worked on various issues over the school year. These meetings encouraged input from parents and other members of the school community. Notification of meetings was sent home via the school’s monthly newsletters and emailed to a growing distribution list. Minutes of the meetings were distributed via email to the parent community.

Accomplishments

The Council established three goals for the school year:

- 1. Continue to nurture a positive working relationship between the Manor Park staff and School Council.** This was achieved by:
 - Conducting regular meetings between the Chair and the Principal
 - Making a presentation to staff regarding Council objectives and activities
 - Soliciting input from Staff on Council matters
- 2. Complement the school’s efforts to increase volunteerism and parent engagement by planning initiatives to help parents become more involved in their child’s education.** This was achieved by:
 - Communicating volunteer opportunities to parents
 - Reaching out to new parents at the school
 - Coordinating and implementing a speaker series for parent during the school year
- 3. Establish and implement guidelines for Council administrative functions, with specific emphasis on timely communication and updates of standardized documents.** This includes agendas, minutes, newsletters, website, email account and Council by-laws.

Submitted by Council Chair Leigh Anne Richardson on behalf of the 2013-2014 School Council.

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All fundraising activities for our school are organized by volunteer parents of the Manor Park Home and School Association. The money raised in the current year will fund activities in the following year.

Fundraising Initiatives and Coordinators

Thank you to all volunteers who committed their time and energy to our successful fundraising events and to those who took on Home and School member roles and/or coordinating roles, as follows:

- **Pizza lunch** – Kathryn Pizana
- **Magazine Fundraiser** – Kris Bulmer
- **Bookfair** – Sue Noble
- **Nutrition Break programs** – Christina Kaiser
- **Dance-A-Thon** – Sue Noble
- **Plant Sale** – Emily Beedell
- **May Fair** – Wesley Wark, Jutta Pasculla and Gael Italiano (Chief Coordinators)

At the time of this report, it is estimated that these fundraisers brought in a total of approximately \$34,500 to be used in the upcoming school year. This total does not include the Scholastic Bookfair as all proceeds are immediately used to purchase books and resources for our school library.

The budget for the 2014-2015 school year will be approved at the September 24, 2014 Council meeting once the new Council is elected.

Thank you for all your support in the fundraising efforts at our school.

Submitted by Chair Leigh Anne Richardson on behalf of the 2013-2014 Home and School Association.

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