



Pleasant Park *Public School* Parent Council

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ANNUAL REPORT 2019 – 2020

About Parent Council

A dedicated and active group of parent volunteers make up the Pleasant Park Parent Council. The Council is led by an elected executive comprised of 2 Co-Chairs, Treasurer and Secretary. Sub-committees responsible for specific activities are led by parent volunteers who work collaboratively with the Council Executive.

The role of the Pleasant Park Parent Council is to:

- offer parents a forum where they can learn about the latest school activities, curriculum initiatives and news from the OCDSB, as well as a venue to voice their concerns, ask questions and offer feedback directly to school administrators;
- raise funds for non-essential curriculum items, teacher requests and special projects which benefit the students of the school;
- coordinate events which engage the students, parents, friends and community members to enhance school spirit and awareness;
- organize and manage resources to help parents, including healthy lunch programs, relevant guest lecturers and online resources.

A Note from the Co-Chairs

The 2019 – 2020 school year became a year no one could ever imagine might happen in a lifetime. The same experience was had by every Council at any school across Ontario. We were hindered by teacher labour action from December- March and then the global pandemic of coronavirus hit and closed schools in March 2020. We would like to thank the Council Executive, Treasurer Angela Campbell, Secretary David Vlasblom and Fundraising Chair Gillian Warren for their continued support and leadership. Without their tireless efforts, and that of each and every other Council member, none of what was accomplished would have been possible. We are particularly proud of the enhanced community involvement we achieved this year through Council-organized Movie Nights, the Fall Book Fair and our inaugural A Taste of Pleasant Park dinner! It has been an honour to work with such a dedicated and enthusiastic group of parents to help make Pleasant Park Public School the very best for our children. Congratulations and Thank You to everyone! (please see the list of parents who took on volunteer positions for Parent Council at the end of this document)

Carolyn Kropp and Melissa Faulkner Co-Chairs, Pleasant Park Parent Council

Council Events and Classroom Events/Supplies

Throughout the 2019 – 2020 school year, Parent Council organized, or was involved in at least 6 school and community events before we were unable to host or help in any further events. The primary purpose of all events was to engage the students, parents and members of the school community to raise awareness for Pleasant Park Public School as a pillar in the Alta Vista community. A number of these events were fundraisers, with proceeds going to non-curricular requests by teachers and school administrators. Each event was a success in its own right, attracting record numbers, raising necessary funds and creating a positive buzz for Pleasant Park Public School.

Although we had great intentions to spend the \$13,000 that we started the year off with, outside circumstances and events such as the labour action as well as COVID-19 made sure we could not spend what we had planned to spend. Field trips did not happen which Council normally funds and any school planned activities that we normally fund such as Winter Walk Day, Science in Schools, the School Play, the school's 60th Anniversary celebration and the Grade 6 field trip could not occur. We had plans to purchase a projector for the school gym or for the Library as well as a commercial sweeping brush for the custodial staff to help clean up the yards after the Spring. We knew in November that we didn't have to push any further fundraisers as we had money in the bank and Pizza and Popcorn are our biggest fundraiser so we felt we would be safe not asking parents for any further fundraising help. Even with that early decision, we have our biggest carry-forward amount of money ever going into the 2020-2021 school year. Although this year's Council cannot make decisions to spend for next year as the incoming new Council of parents and families must make those decisions, the Executive who are continuing in their roles as of now, will ensure that this money is well spent next year with input from staff, students and parents alike.

We are pleased to say that the Grade 6 graduating class has been gifted each a Yearbook on behalf of Parent Council. This ended up being our last purchase of this school year.

We are attaching the Year end financials for all parents to review. The second page itemizes exactly what and where we made purchases versus what we had been able to do in the prior year.

Fundraising Events and Classroom Events/supplies Partially or Wholly Funded by Parent Council

- Pizza and Popcorn – Year round
- Used Book Fair – Saturday, October 26
- Fresh from Farm fundraiser - November
- A Taste of Pleasant Park dinner – December 6
- Mathletes – January 28,29
- Movie Nights – Fridays November 22, March 6
- Purchase of 10 sleds for Grades 1-6
- 3 day rental of cross-country skis for junior grades to try out
- handbells

- science kits
- outdoor play equipment
- noise cancelling headphones

Pizza and Popcorn

A huge thank you to Diane Lagace who coordinated the Pizza and Popcorn this year for the first time. She made it a smooth process although we know the hours and computer time involved in making it all work. Thank you Diane!

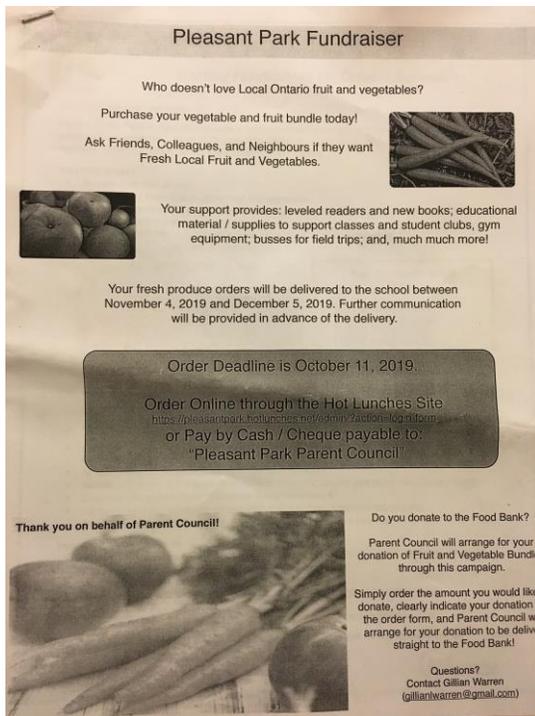
Annual Book Fair

Thank you to David Vlasblom who graciously agreed at the last minute to coordinate the Book Fair and although it was scaled down from previous years, he pulled it off with help from other parent volunteers to make it a community success once again.



Fresh from Farm fundraiser

Thank you to Gillian Warren who organized the Fresh from Farm fundraiser which also raised tons of food donations for the Ottawa Food Bank. Gillian worked tirelessly to research possible fundraisers for Parent Council that would be profitable, fun and charity focused as well.



Movie Nights

Thank you again this year to Laura Thompson and Emily Kadantseva for organizing and running the 2 Movie Nights we were able to host this school year. The younger students and parents alike love coming back to the school, some in pjs, have their dinner and sit back and relax to watch a good movie with their friends.



Pleasant Park Movie Night
RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 6, 2020
 in PPS Gymnasium
 Doors open at 5:45pm, ~~6:00pm~~ movies start at 6:30pm
****ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT****
 Movie Tickets: \$3/person, tickets sold at door
 Refreshments: sold separately (while supplies last)

Featuring:

<p>OGGY DOLLS <small>Running Time: 1 hr 29 minutes</small></p> 	<p>ADAMINABLE <small>Running Time: 1 hr 28 minutes</small></p> 
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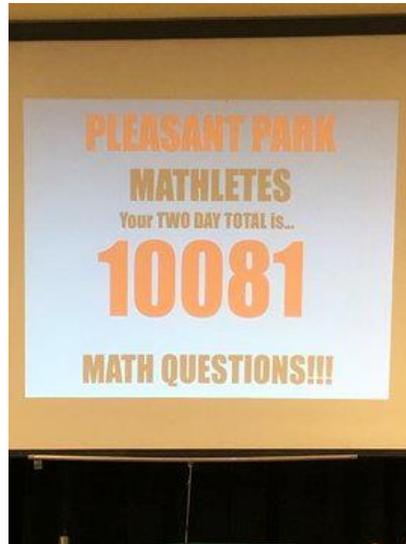
Hot Dog Dinner Also Being Served Before the Movie!
 Time: 5:45pm | Cost: \$4/person

A Taste of Pleasant Park dinner

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make this dinner a reality. It had taken different forms in the past and it hadn't been done in about 2 years so it was nice to have it refreshed and revamped. We had many Kindergarten and new families to the community attend so it was a great way to meet and greet everyone and welcome them to the school.



Funding for Mathletes for Grades 2-6



Although this is where the group pictures and events ends for us, we still managed to come together while social distancing. Parent Council held its' first ever Zoom meeting in May 2020 and Parent Council also managed to spearhead the completion of the school Yearbook in order to ensure that there will be a memento for everyone to look back on although the year didn't end as students and staff would have liked it to.

Playgrounds off limits!



First Zoom meeting!



Last week of school where student belongings were picked up with a social distancing frame of mind.



Parent Council Executive and Positions

Executive

Co-chairs: Carolyn Kropp and Melissa Faulkner

Secretary: David Vlasblom

Treasurer: Angela Campbell

Fundraising chair: Gillian Warren

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Parent representative coordinators

BBQ: VACANT

Book sale: David Vlasblom

Communications (email, and social media): David Vlasblom

Connections evening (for new parents to the school): VACANT

Games night: Karen Welch

Garden: Sue Govenlock

Diversity and Inclusion: Carolyn Kropp, Juliet Knapton, Karen Sasaki, Anja Ramenason, Keren Leviel

Lunch Lady Liaison: Dawn Miller

Media Contributions: VACANT

Movie nights: Emily Kadansteva and Laura Thompson

[OCASC](#) Representative:

Pizza lunch: Diane Lagace

Popcorn Fridays: Diane Lagace

PRO grant Speaker Nights: Carolyn Kropp

Staff Appreciation Lunch: Cecelia Lee

Teacher Representatives: Charlene Dunn

Webmaster for Parent Council website: David Vlasblom

Yearbook: Karen Welch

60th Anniversary: VACANT