



# Pleasant Park *Public School* Parent Council

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021

### 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 2020 – 2021 school year was overshadowed by the global coronavirus pandemic again. We lost many members of our wider Parent Council to virtual (OCV) schools as many decided to keep their students at home. We also lost many cherished staff members to OCV learning.

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 **virtual** community involvement we achieved this year through a Council-organized and PRO grant funded Scientists in Schools night, Bingo nights, Pizza nights and our monthly virtual meetings. We would also like to acknowledge that 2020 was the school's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and although all of our in-person celebrations were cancelled, we did manage to pull off a 31 day virtual Facebook celebration in the month of December to honour the students and staff of the past and present by posting old Yearbook photos, stories from alumni etc. It was a great success!

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**

Parent Council organized, or was involved in at least 3 virtual school events. The primary purpose of all events was to engage the students, parents and members of the school community during such a hard year for everyone. We ensured that moneys carried over from the previous year were well spent with input from staff, students and parents alike.

We agreed that fundraising was not necessary this year as every family was faced with some degree of financial fallout from the pandemic. We continued our Flip Give fundraiser as it was easy and non-invasive for families to participate in if they wished to as they made regular household and Christmas time purchases. We also started up a new social event whereby we had an agreement with Pizza Pizza to provide special pricing to our parents and we organized Thursday night pizza nights as an opportunity of bringing pizza back to students and families since they couldn't get pizza at school anymore. This ran throughout the school year. Virtual Bingo Nights began as a way of getting different grades involved in doing something fun with their families. We ran 3 with great success. Thank you to Gillian for the FlipGive fundraiser, David for the running the virtual pizza nights and Diane for running the virtual Bingo nights.

Throughout the year, we also approved funding for in class sensory toys for several Kindergarten classes; virtual Scientists in Schools sessions for all levels of grades, cross-country ski rentals for the junior grades and butterfly kits for Kindergarten classes.

Our most exciting project that we finally brought to fruition was our Outdoor Classroom projects. We purchased 6 picnic tables (1 accessible) for use by students and staff next year (as of April 2021, schools were lockdown again and everyone was home learning virtually) as well as the purchase of supplies to paint an outdoor sundial on our playground pavement. The picnic tables were delivered by June 2021 ready for use next school year.



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

## **Parent Council Executive and Positions**

### **Executive**

Co-chairs: Carolyn Kropp and Melissa Faulkner  
Secretary: David Vlasblom  
Treasurer: Angela Campbell  
Fundraising chair: Gillian Warren

## **2020 – 2021**

### **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: VACANT  
Diversity and Inclusion: Carolyn Kropp  
Lunch Lady Liaison: Dawn Miller  
Media Contributions: VACANT  
Movie nights: Emily Kadansteva and Laura Thompson  
[OCASC](#) Representative: Carolyn Kropp  
Virtual Pizza nights: David Vlasblom  
Pizza lunch: Diane Lagace  
Popcorn Fridays: Diane Lagace  
Virtual Bingo nights: 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: Carolyn Kropp  
60th Anniversary: Carolyn Kropp