

Annual Report

Hopewell Ave PS School Council 2021/2022

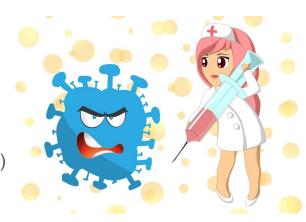
The year in context: Sept 2021 - June 2022

COVID-19 Pandemic

- School has public health protection in place (masking for all, small groups, zones on playground, class/group restrictions, no parents allowed in the school)
- Age 5-11 vaccination pop-up clinics in Hopewell PS in December
- Post Christmas break a lockdown period
- Into Spring easing of restrictions

School Council options impacted

- Virtual SC meetings (except for Hybrid last meeting with drinks)
- Budget plan A (virtual only) and plan B (limited activities)



School Council members 2021 - 2022

Council Positions

- Alex Randall (Co-Chair)
- Petra Heitkamp (Co-Chair)
- Claire Kerry (Secretary)
- Nicola Calder (Treasurer)

Hopewell School PS

- Martina Sherwood (Principal)
- Christopher Werely (Vice-Principal)
- Meg Fracke (Teacher representative)

Members at large

- Adam Jacques
- Bryce Colenbrander
- Daphne Dumbrille
- Deborah MacAskill
- Erik-Jan van der Torre
- Fran Morrison
- Heather Barrett

- Josie Hughes
- Katie Breen
- Matt Brown
- Patrick Hunter
- Roopa Dolvane
- Zainab Moghal

School Council purpose & objectives

Purpose: to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents by making recommendations to the principal of the school and the School Board.

Objectives:

- To develop a strong relationship between home, school, and the wider community served by the school, and to enhance educational opportunities for all students within the school;
- To seek views and opinions of the school community on the operation of the school and the programs and services provided;
- To provide advice to the principal and, as appropriate, to the Board and/or its senior staff, on the
 development and implementation of policies, programs, and services affecting the school;
- To be an effective voice for promoting the interests of the school, and to actively support the school
 in meeting the educational, social, and recreational needs of students.
- To organize various initiatives throughout the year to raise funds that will help the school enhance learning (i.e. books, iPads, Speaker Series for parents etc.) and maintain and improve our yards.

School Council Meetings

School Council meetings:

- 7 virtual meetings hosted on Google Meet
 - Minutes posted on website (to be done still)
- Highlights:
 - Principal's report with updates on school progress
 - Monthly updates on school happenings
 Questions on COVID and public health measures
 Hopewell Traffic situation: liaison OSCA traffic committee
- School Council activities in Spring 2022
- Large attendance initially online fatigue towards the end

School Council Activities Online

School Council Virtual Events 2021/2022:

Emotion Coaching Workshop

- Invitations to Hopewell and neighbouring schools
- 130 registrations
- Well attended and good feedback
- Funding support PROgrant

Virtual Chat - Q&A with Lyra Evans (OCDSB Trustee)

- Topics: COVID update, School Safe policy, Code of Conduct policy (dress code), human rights policy (student's rights to privacy)
- Lively Q & A





School Council: Opening of Kinder Yard

School Council Kinder Yard committee:

- Successful installation of a new Kinder Yard
 - Drainage
 - New installation of climbing equipment
- Fundraising during a pandemic
- Official Opening in Dec 2021



School Council Activities Spring 2021

School Council in Action Spring 2021

- Pizza Days return to Hopewell (May/ June 2021)
 - Welcomed with great support from Panago
 - Order of 107 pizzas every Friday (cheese/ Salami/ GF)
 - 10 volunteers in the school
 - Gr7/8 helpers distribute pizza
- Yard: Spring clean-up and bake-sale
 - Yard: mulch, trees, weeding, cleaning
 - Bake-sale for Ukraine (Gr2)
- Grade 8 Celebration
 - Coffee/ treats in Yard
 - Decorations and Photo-booth
- Thank you teachers
 - Coffee and muffins in school





School Council Communication

School Council Communication Channels

- School Council website (urgent update needed)
- Weekly school messages
- Facebook page
- Posters for events





School Council - new year 2022 - 2023

To all SC 2021-22 members! And everyone who volunteered time last school year

