

Annual Report

Hopewell Ave PS School Council 2022/2023

The year in context: Sept 2022 - June 2023

- Regular school year
 - Great to be able to start a School year without restrictions
 - Planning of School council activities and events back in regular mode
 - Focus on rebuilding community spirit and connection within Hopewell community

- School Council virtual
 - Virtual SC meetings (except for last meeting with drinks)
 - Active search for new community volunteers



School Council members 2022 - 2023

Council Positions

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

Hopewell School PS

- Martina Sherwood (Principal)
- Sandy Miller (Vice-Principal)
- Meg Fracke (Teacher representative)

Members at large

- Bennett Banting
- Aleks Brading
- Katie Breen
- Jennifer Drake
- Daphne Dumbrille
- Josie Hughes
- Patrick Hunter
- Sarah Matthews
- Jessica Perkins
- Alex Randall
- Rebekka Roy
- Carlo Zambri

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:

- 9 virtual meetings hosted on Google Meet and 1 Live meeting
 - Minutes posted on website
- Highlights in meetings:
 - Principal's report with updates on school progress
 - Monthly updates on school happenings
 - Questions on school curricula and extra-curricular activities
 - School Council lunches and events: planning, finances
 - Grade questions and parent-questions

School Council activities throughout the year: good to see increased engagement

School Council: Lunches throughout Year

Coordination of lunches:

- Panago Pizza Fridays: Order of 107 pizzas every Friday (cheese/ Salami/ GF)
 - 10 volunteers in the school
 - Gr7/8 helpers distribute pizza
 - Great collaboration w Panago
 - Biggest SC Fundraiser!
- Subway Mondays (2023 only)
- Discussion about Nutrition with interested parents







School Council Activities Sept-Dec 2022

- Meet the OCDSB Trustee Candidates 3
 October 2022
 - Topics: COVID update, School Safe policy, Education policies (public vs private school), human rights policy
 - Lively Q & A
 - In preparation of Elections with Good attendance (~100 participants) from across the city
- Yard: Fall clean-up
 - Yard: Leaves, trees, cleaning
 - Community showed to help out
- Ski-Skate Sale
 - Sold winter gear for nearly \$2700
 - Great turn out







School Council Activities Jan-June 2023

School Council in Action Spring 2023

- Yard: Spring clean-up and bake-sale: Yard: mulch, trees, weeding, cleaning and Bake & plant-sale (JK/SK)
- Everything on Wheels sale: Bikes, scooters, strollers made over \$2100
- Parent wellness monthly lunch hour: coffee & scones, open check-in on wellness issues
- Parent Night Out, may 30th: Trivia, networking, collaboration with OSCA
- Grade 8 Celebration: Coffee/ treats in Yard and Decorations and Photo-booth
- Thank you teachers: Coffee and muffins in school









What to expect YODKOW tastings (warning, it's delicious).
Coffee, tea, and treats. Live music from Darcy, Raffle prizes generously
donated from Cedars & Co and Malak's Lebanese Pastries. Awesome
Hopewell/ODE/OOS triks, and best of all, you can come hang out with
other cool adults in your neighbourhood.



School Council Communications

School Council Communication Channels

- School Council website (regularly updated)
- Weekly school messages
- Facebook page
- Posters for events







Plans for School Council 2023-2024

Calendar of ongoing plans:

- School Lunches (Mo: Subway Tue/Wed/Thu: Mazzola Fri: Panago pizza)
- Monthly wellness meet-ups 2nd Friday of month at noon
- 22 Oct: Ski-skate sale and Yard cleanup







School Council - new year 2023 - 2024

To all SC 2022-23 members! And everyone who volunteered time last school year

