

Orillia Secondary School Council

Annual Report for the
2017-2018 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

Our second semester is well underway and we hope you are all looking forward to the beautiful summer ahead. The Orillia Secondary School Council had a very rewarding end to 2017 and I feel very encouraged on the efforts of the council to date in 2018. The school council has held five meetings in the 2017-2018 academic school year. Meetings were held on September 25th, 2017, November 20th, 2017, January 18th, 2018 and March 19th, 2018, May 28th and worked on various issues during the year including but not limited to:

- Developing forums for parents to raise broader concerns that may expand beyond specific student concerns.
- Fundraising and Field Trip reviews
- Student based activities
- Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants
- Student activity costs
- School Council By-Laws

These meetings were and are open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community.

The purpose of the school council is to help improve student achievement in all areas and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. School councils are advisory organizations. A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations to the principal of the school and the school board. Boards and Principals are responsible for considering the recommendations made by each school council and for advising the council of the actions taken in response to the recommendations.

Fundraising activities were also conducted by the school and the proceeds were used to fund projects in accordance with school board policies. Minutes of meetings held and financial records are available for public inspection at the school office.

I wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the council's success. Special thanks are due to the following council members of the 2017-2018 school council:

Shannon Daggett
Megan Francis
Sandy Madorin
Jen Munroe
Kim Stevenson
Sue Surrey
Carolyn Stirling

I would like to especially thank again Sandy Madorin as our council secretary for her much appreciated extra efforts in her role. Also a special thank you to the teacher reps Jen Couvrette, Margaret Sawatsky and Lisa Mavrou for their extra time spent with us and our student reps. Jonah and Ethan Odlozinski.

Jim Sammon, Principal has been extremely dedicated to his role on the council and has helped and supported us greatly. This council and school will miss him terribly. He has lead in building this castle of education within Orillia and he will always be part of its continued success, we all thank him.

Finally, we would like to wish the best success to candidates in the September 2018-2019 school council elections. Issues that we foresee as being important matters for the consideration of the new and returning school council members following the September 2018-2019 elections include:

- Respond to our schools "Climate Survey" and develop next supporting steps
- Increase parent involvement in school council
- Continue and support student wellness
- Support new incoming administration

Sincerely,
The parents/guardians of School Council

Alastair M. Dickie, M.Ed.
Chair

May 2018