

# Sir Winston Churchill School Council

## Annual Report 2017/18

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### *About our council*

Sir Winston Churchill School Council is a volunteer group of members from the school community dedicated to strengthening and supporting school initiatives and programs. The council acts as a voice for parents to present concerns, problems and solutions and collaborate with teaching staff to improve student outcomes. We continue to have a strong and vocal council and are proud of the achievements made within this report for the benefit of the SWC community.

### *Note from the Chair/Vice Chair*

On behalf of School Council, we would like to sincerely thank all members of the school community – parents, guardians, volunteers, staff, and students for their participation, and support during this past year. As always we value your assistance and input, and without such would not be able to provide the support listed below.

### *Major achievements completed*

- Fundraising efforts: Ran a variety of fundraising events and activities (see below)
- Community-gearred events: Leading and supporting Fun Night, Trivia Night and Movie Nights.
- Clean-up and school grounds development: Improvements to the school grounds through tree planting, gardening and clean-up efforts throughout the year.
- Transport arrangements: Support toward a review of the Transportation Demand Management at the school, including looking into funding for crossing guards and additional parking changes. This supports a safer walking/cycling environment.
- Transparency: Regular communication with parents through flyers, emails and an updated council website.
- 1% challenge: SWC council will support other students in our city with 1% of our fundraising being donated to the Education Foundation

### *Summary of key fundraising completed*

- Pizza program: Pizza offered to students on Monday once a week.
- QSP Magazine: Magazine subscription program offered to parents and guardians.
- Fun Night: A year-end celebration that encourages participation by all students and their families.
- Trivia Night: An evening of trivia for parents and children.
- Subway: Subway program offered to students.
- Burritos: Burrito program offered to students.
- Booster Juice: Booster Juice program offered to students.
- Equator Coffee: Reduced cost coffee, from local roaster, provided with a set amount donated back to SWC.
- Movie Nights: An opportunity for families to enjoy child-friendly movies together.

- Caregiver’s Day Gift Shop: Provided an opportunity for children to shop for caregivers
- Loveable Labels: Sold personalized labels to help keep track of kids’ stuff, with a portion of proceeds supporting school council

*Summary of activities funded and supported*

- Student discretionary fund.
- \$75 per classroom teacher: A per classroom donation to assist cross curriculum activities and events.
- Field Trip allowance: Donation to support field trip activities.
- School-Led Initiatives: Including support of in-class activities and events (e.g. mathletes)
- Teacher Requests: Teachers presented to the School Council one-off funding projects outside of regular funding streams.
- Yard Improvements.
- Grade 7/8s: Funding given to Merivale High School in recognition of previous SWC students moving school.

*Summary of financial information*

Opening balance of all reconciled bank accounts on Sept 1, 2017:	\$23,736.48
Add: Income for the year:	\$49,993.36
Less: Expenses:	\$54,191.64
Less: Accounts payable:	\$193.36
Closing balance of all reconciled back accounts on Aug 31, 2018	\$19,344.84