



Metcalfe Public School Council

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2006 - 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

With many new faces on the scene, this year should be considered a year of transition. Financially it was a successful year but it was not without a lot of hard work and effort by all the players. Council was comprised of 10 Parents, 1 Community Representative, 1 Teachers' Representative, the Principal and Vice-Principal of the School. Our Treasurer resigned early in the year but two of our active Members at Large agreed to Co-Treasurer the position and performed an excellent job.

As mentioned above Council did have many changes due to evolution (parents' children moving onto Secondary School) or parents not returning to council, but we were successful in recruiting new members to blend and work with the returning member from the previous year. Not unlike other years we continue to experience low attendance by guests at our meetings and our volunteer base although stable needs to be increased.

Our Council decided to use the \$500 from the **Ministry's Ontario Parent Involvement Policy** towards the annual cost of our Web Site and to supplement the cost of the School Planners, it was decided that these were two of the most useful communications tools between parents and the school.

With everyone's busy schedules this year being no different than other years continued to exhibit the problem that members are not available during the school hours to implement some programs. It is viewed that really there is no solution to this – again this year we were dependent on a few of the elected Members whom actively provided their services again this year in order to make the year successful. We as a Council, continued to utilize our volunteer base to continue to provide the programs offered and to try and keep the volunteers tapped into "Council" hoping that they may decide to come out and join council in the future.

One of our main goals this year was to complete the new play structure project that was started last year at MPS and to review and re-write our Constitution. These goals have been accomplished, the new play structure is installed and the children are enjoying our efforts the Grand Opening will take place on September 20, 2007 at 10 a.m., everyone is welcome. The constitution was re-written and it is signed and posted on our Web Site.

Our Web Site has been one of our main sources this year to keep parents involved and up-to-date on their Council. We utilize our web site not only to keep parents abreast of our efforts and events, we also use it as an information resource for parents.

Our webmaster an active Council member has provided alternate web sites for information and revamped our site and our members continue to provide summary write-ups of on-going events as they occur. We also used it to display our minutes from our monthly meetings and this Annual Report.

One of our first programs to get up and running was the Milk/Lunch Program. This has again been a program that the students/parents seems to really enjoy and participate in and it helped in raising \$7,612.89 thanks to

the hard work of a few dedicated **Council Members** and **Parent Volunteers** who can appreciate the value this program has for the kids. Knowing the nutrient value this program has for the children it was contemplated by a few Council Members that perhaps this program should be made into a non-profit program so that perhaps more families could afford to participate in it.

Our Drama Club put on their final show this year and it was enjoyed by all but the program was dissolved right after the show as the school could not accommodate this club along with their on-going Drama Program. Although this was a non-profit program it was a well-accepted program by the parents and kids. One of our active council members who lead the program under Council restarted the program out side of our Council and the school and the children of MPS are still able to tap into her wealth of experience in this field and they have been success in entertaining the community.

Our CookBook Project that was initiated this year but completion will not be possible until next year if accepted by the new Council. This Project was accepted by all of the council members and the parents and our Lead in this project has over one hundred recipes in hand but time would not allow the completion of the project this year.

The Jingle Bell Bazaar (JBB) definitely had another successful year, fun was had by all and it raised \$1,638.00. It was felt that once again, it was a very popular event that seems to bring everyone together in the spirit of Christmas. Although the event is very time consuming the spirit that seems to fill the school and bring everyone (students, parents, volunteers, staff) together was awesome. Even the Jolly Oh Man himself joined us again this year!

Due to the fact that Student Council was not able to hold their annual Christmas Candy Gram, a few Council members quickly organized the event as like the JBB this is of great fun for the children of the school we represent. This was not intended as a fundraiser but it ended up making a profit of \$169.90

We used a new company for our Cookie Dough Campaign and the program was very successful as it raised \$1,579.80 and the participants that purchased products enjoyed a variety of products.

The Greening Committee put their green thumbs to work once again this year to change the look of the front of the school and to beautify our school grounds. The work is an on-going project, but again it is viewed to be appreciated by the students although it is not a profit-orientated exercise.

Council discussed the financial reporting issue again this year. The vote determined that Metcalfe Public School Council will comply with the financial data request from the Ministry.

The table on the following page illustrates a break down of how you as parents helped contributed to the students and the school environment through Council run programs:

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ITEMS	AMOUNT
Incentive Ribbons	\$ 450.00
Sports Ribbons	\$ 350.00
Skate Sharpening	\$ 34.99
Financial Assistance Program	\$ 100.00
Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony	\$ 300.00
Media Cart	\$ 400.00
Financial Support for Laminator Purchase	\$ 500.00
Junior/Intermediate Public Speaking Rewards	\$ 200.00
Financial Support for Planners	\$ 1,000.00
Financial Support for Theatre Lights	\$ 869.00
Financial Support for School Requests	\$ 2,095.96
Total Council Contribution to MPS 2006/2007	\$ 6,299.95

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 Co-Chairs
 Metcalfe Public School Council

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