

Ellengale Public School Council
Annual Report
for the 2017-2018 School Year

Dear Parents and School Community:

Welcome back! We hope you had a safe and happy summer. The Ellengale School Council had a very rewarding 2017-2018 school year. The School Council held eight (8) meetings, usually on the second Wed of the month, in Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, March, April, May and June. We worked on various projects and addressed some issues during the year. These meetings were 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 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 to the school board. Boards and principals are then responsible for considering the recommendations made and advising the council of the actions taken in response to them.

Achievements made by the school council in 2017-2018 included the following: We continue to purchase new technology for our students. We purchased 30 sets of Speed Stackers, volleyball nets and poles for the Phys-Ed department. We funded an in-school field trip (for the whole school to participate in) called Rock and Rings, an indoor curling company. We also approved money to purchase 10 Osmo Wonder Kits (a coding activity). We purchased more furniture and equipment to help continue turning part of our library into a Learning Common Centre. As well we gave money for our Grade 6 Graduation ceremony along with their yearbooks. One of our best achievements was being able to cover the remaining cost of our brand new Kindergarten Play Area. Fund-raising activities that we conducted such as Pizza Days, Fun Fridays, selling our Ellengale Note Cards and t-shirts, community movie nights and move-a-thons were vital in making these achievements happen.

Minutes of the meetings held and financial records are available for public inspection at the school office. We wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the school council last year. Special thanks are due to the following members of the 2017-2018 school council: Kristie Marinic, Raman Nijjar and Nicola Geary as well as others as our parent reps and Laura Delves(Principal), Amy Campbell, Sandy Kerr and Sian Baker as our Teacher reps.

Sincerely yours,

Kristie Marinic
Chair