



Northern Gateway
Public Schools

School Council Annual Report 2018-2019 Whitecourt Central School

The following report reflects the activity of the School Council during the 2018 – 2019 school year.

1. Executive Members:

Chairperson: Tammy Petrinchuk

Assistant
Chair: Cassie Horan

Secretary: Shereen Trechard

Treasurer: Tammy Petrichuk

2. Meeting Dates:

(Include the number of attendees for each meeting; school personnel and trustees are to be included in this count.)

- September – 10
- October – 11
- November – 10
- December – 7

- January – 8

- February – 8
- March – 8
- April – 3
- May – 8
- June - 9

3. Major Activities:

(Include a brief description outlining the purpose and outcome.)

- Breakfast Program – Breakfast is served to our students every day. We serve on average 145 servings per day. Our School Council helps to organize volunteers.
- Milk Program – Our students are offered a milk program two days a week Oct – June. Our School Council sends out the order forms, counts the money and ensures that all of the milk deliveries are correct so the students get their milk.
- Monthly Hot Lunches – Our students get a hot lunch once a month. The parents count the money and order the required food, prepare and serve. They also pick up all supplies.
- Soup Program – Students can purchase a soup card and have homemade soup twice a month through the winter months. The school is given extra cards to give to students who can't afford this lunch.
- Halloween Haunted House – Our School Council creates a Haunted House for our students to participate in.
- Review School Advancement Plan - parents are provided with information regarding school programs that link to achievement in numeracy and literacy
- Trip of the Month fundraiser – raising money for new projectors and whiteboards
- Sponsored a Family Math Night with Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks - January 31
- Holiday Gift Shop – enable students to shop for loved ones without them knowing what they are getting – order, set up, assist shoppers
- BBQ – BBQ lunch for students on Sports Day
- Bike Raffle - raffled off bikes to raise some money to be used for items that the schools need
- Staff Appreciation – provided lunch, snacks and gifts at two different points in the year for the staff
- Brought discussion items to meetings – busing, Powerschool and playground expectations
- posed questions regarding different policies and procedures to assist new parents with their understanding
- brainstorm ideas on how to increase parent participation in the school council

4. Parental Involvement:

(Include the types of activities and the roles of the parents.)

- Reading with students - parents come and listen to students read to assist them with their vocabulary and comprehension
- Help with the Home Reading Program - some students do not have anyone to read to so the parents listen to the home reading books
- Swimming with students - supervisors are needed when the students go swimming
- Going on field trips - supervisors are needed and some parents choose to attend just to be with their child
- Breakfast program - assists with finding volunteers
- Milk Program/Hot Lunch Program/Soup - parents make the soup from scratch and then serve it to the students
- Teacher/staff luncheon – lunch for staff
- Helping on Sports Day and supplying watermelon/freezies/burgers
- Christmas Gift Shop - order the gifts, set up the Community Centre and then help the students shop for the individuals on their lists
- Picture day assistance - collect and organize the students
- Present at assemblies – inform parents of volunteer opportunities
- Researching extra programs to be provided at the school for the students
- Helping to brainstorm different ways to reach parents regarding the opportunities in the school

5. Major Challenges:

(Comment briefly on why these particular challenges exist, and what action the School Council and School Administration are planning to take to address the challenges.)

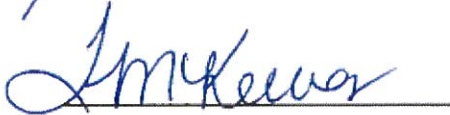
- Attendance at meetings – We have moved to evening meetings but they tend to interfere with family activities.
 - meetings every two months
 - change the time of the meetings to 5 pm
 - communicating topics out on Facebook and Remind to draw in parents
- Parental Involvement – Some parents are feeling as if they are not offered the opportunity to voice suggestions regarding school decisions or know what volunteer opportunities there are at the school. We will continue to promote involvement through online newsletters, School Council newsletters, Remind, Twitter, our website and Facebook.
- Roles and Responsibilities – fostering an understanding of the role that the School Council plays within the school
- One parent holding three positions



School Council Chair

June 21, 2019.

Date



Principal

June 26/19

Date