



Northern Gateway
Public Schools

School Council Annual Report 2014-2015 Fox Creek School

The following report reflects the activity of the School Council during the 2013 - 2014 school year.

1. Executive Members:

Chairperson:	<u>Wendy Rieger</u>
Assistant Chair:	<u>Lara Stadnyk</u>
Secretary:	<u>Jennifer Ashmore</u>
Treasurer:	<u>Kim Kennedy</u>

2. Meeting Dates:

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

- September 17 - 15
- October 15 - 6
- November 19 - 7
- December – no meeting
- January 21 - 7
- February 18 - 12
- March 18 - 8
- April 15 - 14
- May 20 - 9
- June 17 - 12

3. Major Activities:

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

- 3 Scholastic book fairs – earned approximately \$4000 worth of credits as well as many books/posters that were donated to the school for student prizes and to the library
- Popcorn parties – earned by classes as part of a reward system
- Awards Night – presented awards on behalf of School Council to several students
- Utilized Facebook page to share information with all parents
- Meeting minutes are posted on the school website
- Sent out letters asking for volunteers – had 10-15 offers to volunteer
- Addressed complaints and issues brought forth by concerned parents
- Focused on being very open and welcoming as a group, clear and open communication was a priority.
- Supported year 2 of the "Apples for Kids" Program. We started this program last year based on a Whitecourt model and adapted it for our community. Every day 3 large baskets of apples are made available at apple stations in the school hallways. We also had several donations from local partners (families, child care providers, industry) that will help us to continue this project next year. The program has been consistently used and baskets are empty within minutes of being put out.
- Supported Fox Creek for the Children Society in their goal of raising funds to make playground improvements.
- Planning for a "Produce Passport" program starting next year

4. Parental Involvement:

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

- Great discussions were had on many topics throughout the year.
- School admin and school council were able to use each other as a sounding board in decision making
- Parents volunteered to sit on the board, run the popcorn and apple program, as well as to run the book fairs
- Supported a parent in a pilot breakfast shake program within the school.

5. Major Challenges:

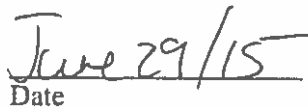
(Comment briefly on why these particular challenges exist, and what action the School Council and School Administration are planning to take to address the challenges.)

- Active involvement /sharing of information –(last years' issue, but the solution that was implemented last year is still being used with great success) - as many parents cannot attend the meetings but want to be involved in supporting the school, we addressed this

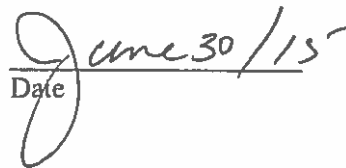
by having a Facebook page where we can post information, minutes, and look for event volunteers. This modern way of accessing parents has been successful in finding helpers for book fair, and popping popcorn. We also sent home letters looking for volunteers. We received several offers to help via this communication as well.

- Fundraising – We did not do any fundraisers this year, as we had some funds from last year, we received a few donations, and our group was smaller, and overextended.
- School council purchased ten tables with folding legs and a cart which is widely used throughout the school


School Council Chair


Date


Principal


Date