

School Council Annual Report 2014 - 2015 Onoway Elementary School

The following report reflects the activity of the School Council during the 2014 – 2015 school years.

1. Executive Members:

Chairperson:	<u>Dena Friars</u>
Assistant Chair:	<u>Lorrie Hafermehl</u>
Secretary:	<u>Kerry Fegyverneki</u>
Treasurer:	<u>Koren Warford</u>

2. Meeting Dates:

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

- September 11th: 13 in attendance
- October 9th: 10 in attendance
- November 13th: 10 in attendance
- December N/A
- January 16th: 11 in attendance
- February 12th: 8 in attendance
- March Canceled
- April 14th: 14 in attendance
- May 14th: 8 in attendance
- June 11th

3. Major Activities:

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

- Proactively seek opportunities to provide input to and work collaboratively with school administration in providing quality education to our children.
- Hosted the Telus2Learn seminar: "Online Trends" for parents.
- Attended the School Districts COSC (Council of School Councils)
- Support the school in their goals and relative undertakings, both financially and otherwise.
- Communicate all shared information and school council activities to the parents and school community, through the school website and the school newsletter.
- Communicated the invitation from ASCA for the Parent Engagement Taskforce.
- Continue to support our Safe and Caring program, to better foster ethical citizenship in students.
- Continue to provide funds for special events, classroom accounts and our parent library.
- Attended the ASCA conference and AGM.

4. Parental Involvement:

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

- Supported the school's Safe and Caring Program through sponsoring events and purchasing prizes for monthly awards.
- Coordination of parent volunteers for various school events.
- Worked diligently through the fall of 2014 to organize & recruit volunteer base.
- Provided a School Council presence at the Meet the Teacher BBQ, to foster relationships with new and returning parents.
- Maintained a School Council calendar to outline events and responsibilities.
- Provided feedback to Principal on numerous school related issues.
- Touched up the painting on the playground tarmac.
- Provided at cost, school spirit wear, to encourage school enthusiasm and in turn a positive attitude toward learning.
- Provided at cost, Teddy Anderson's book "Medicine Wheel: Stories of a Hoop Dancer" as a commemorative for students from his Artist in Residence Hoop Dancing.
- Continued with the Campbell soup label project to provide extracurricular items for students.
- Wrote an FCSS grant for the Family Dance.
- Hosted a contest for students to name the Family Dance and provided prizes.
- Held the "Family Move and Groove" dance with the assistance of the FCSS grant.
- Helped students fund raise for the local food bank.
- Held the annual Spell-a-thon.
- Put on the Staff Appreciation social.
- Bus driver and custodian year end social in collaboration with the Onoway High School.
- Organized sports day lunch.
- Established multiple volunteer coordinators and school volunteers.
- Continued with the Write-On Stationary Supplies service that was again offered to parents for their children's school needs.
- Gave feedback on the new school logo.
- Sponsored spirit wear shirts for the school's choir and handbell choir.
- Advised on the School Improvement Plan.
- Preparation of meeting minutes and agendas.
- Audit and annual return submitted for the Society's account.
- Visible at school functions, such as PTI's.
- Selection and presentation of Grade 7 Service Award.
- Board policy review perusal and feedback.
- Annual bylaw review.
- Continued with the Monthly Meal program once a month utilizing greater community businesses
- Used proceeds from the Monthly Meal program and donations from the greater community to hold a free Christmas dinner for the whole school, as well as provide free Bratwurst and dilly bars for all students and volunteers on sports day.

- Succession training continued for volunteer coordinators
- Held the annual New Beginnings social.
- Organized the New Beginnings Social for the new year, to welcome all new parents, information & care packages to be handed out and members of the school council and school will be on hand to greet everyone over refreshments and sweets, to be held at the first day of school.
- Babysitting was provided at some School Council meetings
- Helped students raise funds for the Terry Fox foundation.
- Provided new shelving for the Parent Library.
- Initiated discussion on forming a committee next year for Donation Recognition For 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.)

- As attendance at our meetings has grown we strive to maintain good communication, strong succession training, and continuity in our practices for the future members of our council.
- We have continued to update our website and improve areas that have been brought to our attention for change.
- Overall, we continue to address any concerns/challenges and strive to build on the strong foundation of our school council to support the school in the upcoming years.
- As membership changes, we plan to utilize ASCA workshops to maintain a strong school council.
- Creating a volunteer sign up form that is easy to; access, input information and utilize, has been a great challenge. Collaborating with Administration, we are identifying the problems and finding solutions. It is an ongoing process.

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School Council Chair

June 1/15
Date

L. Shabde
Principal

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Date