



Northern Gateway
Public Schools

School Council Annual Report 2014-2015 Whitecourt Central School

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

1. Executive Members:

Chairperson: Nicky Birtles

Assistant
Chair: Natalie Christianson

Secretary: Petra Kauffman

Treasurer: Rochelle House

2. Meeting Dates:

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

- September – 26th - 9
- October – 8th - 8
- November – 12th - 5
- December – 10th - 7
- January – 14th - 8
- February – 10th - 5
- March – 11th - 5
- April – 9th - 5
- May – 12th - 10
- June – 9th - 11

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.
- Milk Program – Our students are offered a milk program two days a week Oct - June
- 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.
- Family Fun Night – bring everyone together, invited Gr 2 students and families from Pat Hardy to get possibly their first introduction to Central
- Holiday Gift Shop – enable students to shop for loved ones without them knowing what they are getting – order, set up, assist shoppers
- Fundraisers – seat sale at Christmas concert, Mables Labels, EPIC Night Out, Trip of the Month, Dielaman
- Cookbook – Parents planned and put together a school cookbook. Art work from the students was collected to include in the cookbook. Funds will be used to support the playground.
- Parent Council Symposium – attended to gather information on how to make a parent council more effective
- BBQ – BBQ lunch for students on Sports Day
- Dunk tank for Sports Day
- Jump Rope for Heart – donated oranges
- Staff Appreciation – provided lunch and snacks at two different points in the year for the staff
- Review school improvement plan
- Grant applications for the Rocks and Rings event
- Seedmaster Grant
- CFEP Grant
- School wide breakfast prepared by the parents and served by parents and staff
- Review Tell Them From Me/ Accountability Pillar Survey – give suggestions on how to improve in the areas that require growth

4. Parental Involvement:

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

- Reading with students
- Swimming with students
- Going on field trips

- Breakfast program
- Milk Program/Hot Lunch Program/Soup
- Jump Rope for Heart counters
- Teacher/staff luncheon – lunch for staff
- Helping on Sports Day and supplying freezies/burgers
- Bus Driver Appreciation – Tim Horton gift cards
- Christmas Gift Shop -
- Approaching community businesses for support for playground
- Providing feedback on different events we can host – math afternoon, etc
- Help with gr 5 pizza days
- Picture days assistance
- 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 – It is difficult for some parents to attend lunch hour meetings so the School Council has planned to host a couple of evening meetings to evaluate this option. A vote will occur at the September AGM as to the times of the meetings for the 2015-2016 school year.
- 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, Remind, Twitter, our website and hopefully Facebook in the near future.
- Roles and Responsibilities – fostering an understanding of the role that the School Council plays within the school and the expectations of the positions held on council
- Conflict resolution on the council



 School Council Chair



 Date



 Principal



 Date