

South Carleton High School Annual Report 2017-2018

Name of School: South Carleton High School

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Note from the Vice Chair

The Chair and Vice Chair wish to acknowledge the contributions and commitment of all School Council members. Often, there were many points of view expressed at our meetings yet all discussions remained respectful and appropriate. A special thank you goes out to those that volunteered to support school activities throughout the year.

It has been a pleasure to work with Principal Colin Anderson and we wish him nothing but continued success in his new role. We also bid a warm welcome to our incoming principal, Mr. William Arden.

Administrative

The SCHS parent council met on the second Tuesday of every month from September 2017 to June 2018. Meetings ran from 19h to 21h in the SCHS conference room 18. Meetings were held in September, October, November, December, February, March, April and May. Meeting draft agendas and draft minutes were sent to parents and staff on the SCHS council mailing list. Approved minutes were posted on the SCHS webpage [here](#).

Number of meetings held: Regular 8; Special 0; Cancelled 2 (January meeting fell to close to winter break and June was cancelled due to last minute change of date)

The SCHS council consisted of 7 parents/guardians of students who attended the school, 1 community representative from the Richmond Legion, the school principal, 1 teacher representative and 2 student representatives. The council also had an administrative staff member from SCHS that handled all council related finances. All community members were always welcomed to our meetings and often our numbers were larger due to interested individuals joining us from month to month.

2017-2018 Council Members

Chair: Shelina Alibhai

Vice Chair: Marcie Kwindt

Secretary: Pam Sully

OCASC Rep: Kiera Delgaty-Pak

Members at Large: Betty Large, Steve Montero, Dawn Brown

Community Rep: Elizabeth Douville

Student Reps: Lily Stone and Tyson Barber

Teacher Rep: Sheri Eady

Principal: Colin Anderson

Administrative staff Rep: Nancy Annable

What Did Council Do Last Year?

Outreach Activities: SCHS parent council hosted a Wellness Fair using PRO grant funds. This was our first attempt at such an activity and although community member numbers were low we had amazing support from our invited guests/presenters. Going forward, we will hold this event again but make adjustments based on our “lessons learned” discussions. Overall, it was decided that the information available at the Wellness Fair is exactly what parents/guardians of our school are in need of. The Wellness Fair was an optimal way to engage parents of our community.

Special Events: SCHS parent council representatives were present at the annual Undergrad Awards Ceremony and the Year-end Commencement.

Focus Areas: The SCHS parent council functions primarily as an advisory board for the principal and staff. As such, we were consulted on several items, including but not limited to: prom, dress code, staffing shortage for grade 9 French geography, hand driers in the washrooms and vaping on school property.

Recommendations for the future

Although SCHS council consisted of a strong core of parents we were a small group. It would be advantageous to *increase council membership*. Focus should be on recruiting parents/guardians new to the school (grade 9 parents). The hope is that with a larger council we may be able to provide more outreach opportunities for our parent community and create a base of volunteers to be there for the staff and students.

Communication can always be improved. Our council was no exception. There was often a lack of transparency and understanding between the Chair and the rest of the council members. Lessons learned from the experience will ensure that the same issue does not continue with a newly elected council. As well, communication with the parent community could be enhanced. More messages via the website and tagged to the principal’s notices should help.

Going forward, if council numbers grow, it would be nice to increase the amount of activities that SCHS council is involved with and perhaps *introduce some new initiatives/events*.

Adopted by the South Carleton High School Parent Council

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_____ Shelina Alibhai 2017-2018 Chair

_____ Marcie Kwindt 2017-2018 Vice Chair