

Glenburnie Public School Council

Annual Report 2019-2020 School Year

Dear Parents and School Community:

Welcome back! We hope you are staying safe and enjoyed your summer. The Glenburnie Public School Council had a very rewarding 2019-2020. The school council held 7 meetings on September 9; October 7; November 4; December 2; January 13; February 3; March 2; and worked on various projects during the year including organizing school community events, supporting school organized activities and planning our annual Fun Fair/Silent Auction. These meetings were open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community.

The purpose of the school council is to help improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. School councils are advisory organizations. A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations to the principal of the school and the school board. Boards and principals are responsible for considering the recommendations made by each school council and for advising the council of the actions taken in response to the recommendations. However, during the 2019-2020 school year, Glenburnie's School Council did not face any situations that required the need to make any recommendations to the principal or the school board. In the event that any future recommendations are brought forth we will strive to work together with the principal and staff. All input from all parties will be listened to, considered and decisions will be made together.

Achievements of the school council in 2019-2020 included the following: organizing the hot lunch program, hosting an Open House, hosting a Halloween Bash bringing our school community together. Unfortunately our plans to host a Family Movie Night and organizing our end of year annual Fun Fair and Silent Auction were put on hold due to COVID-19. Fund-raising activities were also conducted and the proceeds were used to fund projects in accordance with school board policies. These fund-raising activities are identified in the attached financial summary titled "Sources and Uses of Project Funds". Another summary of activity related to the school council's administrative activities, titled "Sources and Uses of Operating Funds", is also attached. Minutes of meetings held and financial records are available for public inspection at the school office.

We wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals and parents who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the school council last year. Special thanks are due to the following members that were in attendance during the 2019-2020 school council meetings: Stacey Andrews, Angie Cox, Kelly Filman, Jennifer Flake, Debbie and Dave Lawson, Mandy McLellan, Keeth Petty, Sarah Purvis, Jeff Ross, and Carolyn Watkins.

Finally, we would like to wish the best of luck to candidates in the September 2020 school council elections. Issues that we foresee as being important matters for the consideration of the new school council following the September 2020 elections include the future possibility of our rural school facing closure as well as schooling during COVID 19 times. We are aware that this is something that many parents are thinking and talking about and as members of the council we need to make sure we stay on top of the information and are able to address any questions or concerns that may be brought forward. We also hope to continue to increase parental involvement during the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely yours,

Kristyne Ross and Elizabeth Sund
Co-Chairs

October 13, 2020

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Copy to Stephanie Santor, Associate Superintendent
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