

Central Public School Council

Annual Report for the 2021-2022 School Year

Dear Parents and School Community,

Welcome back to another year at Central Public School! We hope everybody had a safe and enjoyable summer, and has had a good start to the new school year. Council held several meetings last year, all open to the public so parents and school community members could have an opportunity to provide input. We hope to have lots of parents attending council meetings this upcoming year. These meetings provide a great opportunity to hear about what is happening in the school, and to make suggestions to improve the school community.

We would like to thank the individuals who volunteered their time to serve on School Council last year. The members for the 2021/2022 year were as follows: Amanda Welsh as Chair, Megan Elliott as Vice-Chair, Heather Gust as Secretary, Dan Welsh as Treasurer, Leisa Rook representing teachers/staff, and James Rook as Regional Council Representative. We would also like to thank the parents that were able to attend the meetings to help us in making suggestions for the school. Over the course of the year, school council planned events, made recommendations to improve student life, and organized fundraising activities.

School Council had a number of achievements in the 2021/2022 school year. Progress was made toward having our Buddy Benches installed in the schoolyard; locations were chosen and quotes for installation were obtained. The playground was surfaced with additional mulch in autumn 2021. School council provided a free pizza lunch for all students in December 2021 as a special treat before winter break. Scientists in the School was funded by council again last year, with each teacher able to book this group for their students. Council members also applied for a PRO Grant for the school, which allowed us to run a yoga day for the students and purchase some books for the library with a focus on mental health. Fundraising activities were organized throughout the school year. A new Spirit Wear e-store was set up and went live in December 2021. Students voted for the logo that went on the items being sold on the website. Poinsettia sales were carried out again, and were quite successful. This fundraiser has been an annual occurrence for a number of years. Hot lunches were restarted in April of 2022. Last year we switched our hot lunch provider to Healthy Hunger, which went very smoothly. We held a parking fundraiser during Maplefest in May. We were also able to organize and run Springfest again last year in June 2022. This is a fundraising event that is always well liked by the students.

School Council held seven meetings last year, with a mix of in person and virtual meetings. They were held on Sept. 27, Oct. 25, and Nov. 24 in 2021 and Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 9, and June 20 in 2022. Meetings for the current school year are planned for 6:30pm on the following days: November 7 in 2022 and February 27, April 24, May 29, and June 19 in 2023. We are hoping to see a good turn out to our upcoming meetings. This year, we are hoping to come up with some new fundraising opportunities for the school. We will be looking for areas where we can invest these funds to help improve student life. As

our school continues to grow, we hope to get more parents involved in council meetings so we have better representation for our students.

Sincerely,

Heather Gust
Secretary
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