

ANNUAL REPORT

Eastview Secondary School

School Council

June 1, 2017

Dear Parents and School Community:

All the School Council meetings are always open to the public and we encourage input from parents and other members of the school community.

The purpose of the Eastview Secondary School (E.S.S.) School Council is to help improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. 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 Council of the actions taken in response to the recommendations.

The E.S.S. School Council had a very satisfying 2016/2017 school year. The School Council held 5 monthly meetings throughout the year (Thursdays evening 7-9pm Sep 23, Nov 18, Feb 10, Apr 20, & June1) and discussed various issues during the year including Fundraising & Field Trip Plans, the SLPSA-WB- School Learning Plan Student Achievement & Well-Being with three pillars- Learning & Teaching; Community Culture and Caring; Programs, Planning & Pathways. Andrea Butcher- Milne attended the NPDL (New Pedagogies for Deep Learning) Launch at Alcona Glen PS in the fall yet School Council Members sent regrets for they were not able to schedule to attend the Year Wrap Up Meeting for NPDL at NSSS in the spring. Andrea Butcher- Milne as School Council Chair was very enthused to share updates to School Council with the success of E.S.S. with Family of School- School Council visits in the spring. Heidi, Susan and Linda Hawker also visited School Council FOS Meetings in the fall of first semester 2016.

School Council is very proud of the work of community, parents, and students attending E.S.S. School Council Chair Andrea was consistent and enthusiastic participant at the various parent engagement workshops throughout the year- Parent/Guardian/Teacher/Student Interviews (Thursday Oct 21), Parent/Guardian/Teacher/Student Interviews in the spring (Thursday March 21), and with two presenters in April, 2017 on the opening evening of the Third Annual WildCat Wellness Week.

School Council Members always support E.S.S. Initiatives with the School Food & Beverage Policy, Drug Awareness, Safe School Policies, OELC Leadership, Parent-Guardian/

Teacher/Student Interview evenings, and the E.S.S. Grade 8 Open House 2017. Discussions and focus on the E.S.S. school goals, updates regarding students' activities and leadership, teams, sports & clubs; as well, The Simcoe Path with the Four Goals (relevant, purposeful learning supporting high achievement, well being and learning for all); inclusive, equitable and safe learning environments; confidence in public education; responsible stewardship of resources), cyberbullying, use of student activity fees, Commencement June 29th 2017, Grad Breakfast June 9, 2017-2018 PRO GRANT submission submitted before the deadline of June, 2017. All parents/guardians are always welcomed to attend the School Council Meetings 7-9pm in the School Library.

Additional achievements of our School Council in 2016/2017 included the following: planning, organizing and scheduling activities and events in our School Library from 7-9pm, planning additional school activities including attendance at our Grade 8 Open House in February, working to implement a new PRO GRANT 2017/2018 submissions for plans for inviting new speakers to E.S.S. next school year, planning 50th Anniversary Celebrations May 2017 50 years ESS, and now just completing with support for the Grad Breakfast planned for Friday June 9th in the morning. All School Council support is focused for building positive opportunities for students with school spirit as community, culture & caring school goals. The School Council has had valuable support to the goals with our School Learning Plan 2016 2017. School Council also thanked teachers at the end of Semester One with baked goodies and thank you notes to teachers.

School Council supported the endeavors of all the students, staff, and community at E.S.S. We also continue to provide a welcoming, warm, safe and caring place for all those that enter our school.

There were no fund-raising activities conducted by the Council this year. Minutes of meetings held and financial records are available for public inspection at the school office, and also Agendas and Minutes are added under School Council on the School website (<http://eas.scdsb.on.ca>)

We wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the E.S.S. School Council this past year:

Andrea Butcher Milne, Hiedi Stoate, Ruth Howorth, Stephanie Verheyen, Karen O'Keefe, Zoe Kiley, Susan Hepp, Rebecca Balogh, Melissa Witty, Cindy Gizuk, Laura Keys, Carole Small, Hillary Vick, Dannielle Laundry, Penny Chaiko, Linda Hawker, teacher rep Ms. M. Rallis, student rep Jill G.; Marnie Ridout-Craig, Julie Richardson & Harry Stegenga-Vice Principals; Jane Seymour, Principal. We are a positive and very collaborative, respectful and committed group and would also like to thank additional parents and guardians and community members who also attended the various monthly meetings this year in order to have their voices heard and input for action for ideas and resources for Eastview Secondary School.

We would like to wish the best of luck to candidates in the September 2017- 2018 School Council Elections in September.

Sincerely,

Andrea Butcher- Milne and Hiedi Stoate
E.S.S. School Council Chair and Co-Chair.