

Roberta Bondar Public School Council Annual Report - School Year 2018-2019

The Roberta Bondar Public School Council tries to encourage all members of the Bondar community to get involved. We are a group of parents who want to provide the best school experience for our kids. Everyone is welcome to join us!

What did Council do last year?

During the 2018-2019 school year, Council focused its efforts on community building, fundraising, and support to the school's teachers and students.

Community building

In an effort to encourage a sense of community, bring families into the school, and help us get to know each other, the Council organized several well-attended and successful activities throughout the year.

These included:

- September's Greet the Staff Night including pizza and drinks;
- A packed-house movie night with popcorn, treats, and so much fun that the power cords were accidentally disconnected;
- A used book sale where every student in the school was allowed to choose and take home a book for free in addition to any very low cost books they chose to buy;
- A Scholastic book fair, held in conjunction with the annual teacher-organized multicultural pot-luck, where students and families were given the opportunity to purchase books and the proceeds from which enabled Council to purchase approximately 200 books for the school library and individual teacher classrooms; and
- Successfully applying to the City of Ottawa's Schoolyard Tree Planting Program. 8 new trees will be planted this fall in the schoolyard - we'll be looking for volunteers to help water them next spring!

Fundraising

In addition to the proceeds from the book fairs and movie night, Council's biggest fundraiser is Friday pizza sales. A dedicated team of volunteers enable all of us to have an easier time packing lunches on Fridays and last year raised >\$21,000. That money went directly back into the school as outlined below.

Support to the school's teachers and students

Through the funds it raised, Council directly supported the school's teachers and students by:

Providing \$3000 to teachers in each of the school's kinder, primary, junior, and intermediate divisions, and \$1,000 to each of the special education section and library. This money paid for our kids to learn with and experience:

- [The Luv 2 Groove school program](#)
- [Craig Tiberi's Indigenous workshops](#)
- [Multicultural Arts for Schools and Communities workshops](#)
- [Relay education programs on energy](#)

- A grade 6 overnight field trip to the Ottawa Carleton District School Board's outdoor education centre, Macskimming;
- French and English books, puzzles, and games for the kinder in addition to winter shovels, sand toys, and other outdoor play gear;
- A well thought-out selection of age appropriate books in support of the Rainbow Warriors club;
- Calculators and Chromebooks for the juniors;
- An oversized badminton set for the intermediates;
- Bussing to sporting events and tournaments for the school's teams; and
- Innumerable other educational tools and books for both classrooms and and the library.
- Buying 50 new sports jerseys so that our student sports teams can represent Bondar proudly at their sporting events; and
- Providing \$10 dollars for every child in the school to be used by the teachers against the costs of bussing to and admission for field trips.
- Council also directly supports the school's students by providing an at-cost milk program run by a dedicated team of volunteers.

Note from the Chair

As Chair of Roberta Bondar School Council, I'd like to thank the school's families, volunteers, staff, and students for their hard work in making the 2018-2019 school year a success.

During the school year, the School Council held its meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month from September through June with the exception of December. Minutes of those meetings can be found in the School Council section of [the Roberta Bondar Public School website](#). This schedule will be maintained for the 2019-2020 school year and I'd like to encourage all parents, guardians, and community members in the Bondar family to join us.

2018-2019 Council Members

Chair: Kelly Lett

Vice Chair: Claire Fisher

Treasurer: Allison Scarlett

Secretary: Katie Lee

Elected Members: Tara Lockhart, Elham Ayafor, Chris Grout, Katie Lee, Leasa Bell, Mirvat Chamseddine, Rebecca Colfe, Jessica Sauve

Principal: Deb Woods

Vice-Principal: Jeff Griesbach

Teacher Representative: Amy Trick

Alternate Teacher Representative: Glenda Davies

Community Representative: Sandra Peters

Student Representative: Israrulhaq Shahzada

About Council

The mission of Roberta Bondar School Council is to:

Promote an educational partnership of parents, teaching staff, and the wider community while contributing to the shared goal of improving student achievement;

Seek parental and community resources and involvement in setting and meeting educational objectives;

Help establish the priorities of the school in collaboration with the Principal, teaching staff and parents in order to enhance learning opportunities through various activities; and

Support community building and the development of a 'Community of Learners'.

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