

South Carleton High School Annual Report 2019-2020

Name of School: South Carleton High School
Address: 3673 McBean St, Richmond, ON K0A 2Z0

Note from the 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 Bill Arden over the past two school seasons. He is a highly effective communicator and brings much to our monthly meetings. We especially appreciate his love for his students—his desire to know them and his desire to hear their voices, needs, and their wants for improving THEIR school. Principal Arden is a fantastic addition to our SCHS family and we look forward to working with him for many years to come. SCHS really is his happy place.

Administrative

The SCHS parent council met on the first Tuesday of every month from September 2019 to March 2020. Meetings ran from 19h to 21h in conference room 18 of South Carleton High School. Meetings were held in September, October, November, December, January, February, and March. Meeting draft agendas and draft minutes were sent to parents and staff on the SCHS council mailing list. Approved agendas were posted on the SCHS website [here](#) and approved minutes were posted [here](#).

Number of meetings held: Regular 7; Special 0; Cancelled 3 (due to Covid-19 Pandemic lockdown).

The SCHS council consisted of 12 parents/guardians of students who attended the school, 1 community representative from the Richmond Legion, the school principal (VPs as alternates), 1 teacher representative and 2 student representatives. The council also had an administrative staff member from SCHS that handled all council related finances, and another administrative staff member who handled posting all council related materials on the school website. All community members were always welcome to attend the meetings and often our

numbers were larger due to interested individuals joining us from month to month.

2019-2020 Council Members

Chair: Marcie Kwindt

Vice Chair: Kiera Delgaty-Pak

Secretary: Jenny Flower (Michelle Sabourin alternate)

OCASC Rep: none

Members at Large: Dawn Brown, Chandra Stone, Karen Benson, Barb Younghusband, Steve Montero, David Humbly, Michelle Sabourin, Rowena Pearl, Jill Sheppard

Community Rep: Elizabeth Douville

Student Reps: Alexandra Kouloufakos, Ainsley Miller

Teacher Rep: Sheri Eady

Principal: William Arden

Administrative staff Rep: Nancy Annable

Our Community Representative from the Richmond Legion is an active member of the Council, and brings forward various Legion events that students are invited to participate in—such as community BBQs, Bursaries and Grants for post secondary school, Poppy Drive, Remembrance Day ceremonies, and most notably the Remembrance Day contests, and Public Speaking Contests. South students enter various Remembrance Day categories (visual art poster, poetry, short story) and other contests (Essays, public speaking etc.), and usually progress to regional, district, or provincial levels.

Our Teacher Representative has been a very passionate long standing member from the Guidance department. This representative brings us news from the classrooms, fun and interesting staff initiatives, club reports, extracurricular news and events, outreach programs (eg public health, addiction programs, sexual health clinics), Math networking to share math success, and the very important guidance deadlines, events, and programs for students (course selections, university applications, special speakers, symposiums, conferences, job fairs, etc.), feeder school visits. The Teacher Rep consults the Council on areas of

concern for problem solving, particularly mental health, and creative ideas for events and programs for the students.

Our Principal brings us higher level or school wide information such as staffing, curriculum changes, emergency rehearsals, labour action updates, report cards, school security, School surveys, Student Success programs, smoking, vaping, addiction, professional development, commencement etc. There were significant discussions regarding increasing vaping in the washrooms—which has become a concern for students, staff and parents.

The Council wishes to acknowledge the participation of our student representatives. Every year, our student council presidents sit on our Council to tell us about fun initiatives in which the student council is involved. These initiatives range from academic Coco and Cram study sessions, Leadership camps, Oscars and Coffee House, club events, spirit days, donation campaigns for the community, and special day events.

What Did Council Do Last Year?

Outreach Activities:

In previous years, SCHS parent council hosted Wellness Fairs and Public Speaking Events for parents/teens using PRO grant funds, which were well supported but not well attended. In 2019, the PRO grant program was reduced and restructured by the provincial government to Board level; the OCDSB received \$40 521 to distribute accordingly; how the board planned to distribute this money was not known at the time of writing this report. SCHS Council did not receive any PRO grant this year. The Council did receive the annual \$500 parent involvement grant.

The Council continued the “Action Photo of the Month” campaign to encourage the SCHS community to be active and involved. Anyone at SCHS with a camera could submit action photos that were voted as best action photo by council every month. The inspiration behind the “action photo of the month” came from a desire from council to see the beautification of the athletic corridor. An Instagram account was developed to facilitate photo submissions.

The Richmond Community Gardeners were invited to discuss options to replace the community gardens in the front of the school that were removed because of the new paved parking and drop off area. This meeting could not happen due to the Covid-19 pandemic and will need to be brought forward to the 2020-2021 year.

Special Events:

SCHS parent council representatives were present at the annual Undergrad Awards Ceremony. The council was also happy to provide volunteers and resources for the Undergrad Awards and looks forward to helping out in years to come. Refreshments were donated from the Foods Program.

Members of parent council set up a table and were present to answer questions during “Meet the Teacher” and “Parent Teacher Interview” nights in September/October.

SCHS Council also attended the Parent Conference and School Council Training Day on November 9, 2019.

Usually, SCHS parent council members provide refreshments at the Year-end Commencement and often the Chair has a stage presence. There was no Commencement Ceremony this year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

In 2019-2020, South Carleton High School Parent Council was invited to participate in the Attendance Boundary Review for the New Stittsville High School. Principal Arden and Jenny Flower/Michelle Sabourin attended regular meetings of the task force.

In place of the Parents Reaching Out Grant, South Carleton Parent Council experimented with some low effort fundraising events. These included:

- \$ 663.00 - Two SCHS Council Danby’s Days, where SCHS Council received 10% of sales to a maximum of \$200 + a directed donation from Danby’s. Danby’s days were in November and January. Two days were cancelled due to the Teacher’s strike and snow day. The two events did not bring in increased sales for Danby’s, and the pilot was not renewed.
- \$505.00 – School Cash Online Donation drive —The South Community was asked for voluntary donations for various Council priority initiatives: Students in Need Program, Hope Club, Security System, Breakfast Program. This fundraising drive was well supported and could be considered going forward.
- As usual, Council received the annual \$500 PIP from the OOCDSB

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, commencement, school sanctioned events, staffing, hiring, curriculum changes (Indigenous literature, French Immersion), Student Survey,

Student Success Room, student wellbeing, online booking for parent-teacher interviews, vaping presentations, substance abuse seminar, smoking & vaping on/off school property, Math support program (Banting program was cancelled), PD Day staff professional development events, new paved entrance with parking and drop-off.

Again this year, the SCHS Council supported the “Student in Need” fund. Council funds (\$1000) were directed to this important cause.

In addition, SCHS parent council recognized the hard work of our Foods and Nutrition teachers and helped support the program and all they do for SCHS by providing treats for various functions. Small financial contributions (\$200) were made to the program to cover the cost of ingredients used for making treats for the Undergrad Awards.

Hope Club: Helping Other People Everywhere: The Hope Club is involved in a number of community and humanitarian endeavors- Breast Cancer awareness, speaking up for student safety and wellbeing, Therapy dog visits, Show your shirt – keeping clothing out of landfills, WarmFeet, Happy Heart—sock drive for the homeless, Elephant in the Room—anti-stigma campaign, Easter Food Drive. A small donation (\$80) was made to support these humanitarian efforts.

This year, SCHS has increased/updated the security around the school with a new security system, cameras, increased outdoor lighting, and increased security around vaping in washrooms. Council contributed \$105 towards school safety.

The Breakfast Program is a long standing initiative that has been well attended by our students. It supports students who are food insecure as well as students who have not time to eat before school. As good nutrition is vital for learning success, the Council sees this program as an important priority. Council donated \$170 towards this important fund.

Council communication: The School Council created an Instagram Account in addition to the School email address.

Recommendations for the future

SCHS parent council consisted of a strong core of parents but as the year went on our meeting attendance numbers steadily decreased. Although this seems to be a normal pattern for busy parents it would be beneficial to find ways to encourage members to not miss meetings. It would also 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.

Another future recommendation would be to *create opportunities for the parent council to raise funds* with little effort. The council wants to remain an advisory body but the reality is that public funding for councils may come to an end. For example, PRO grant applications were not available in June. Creating community partnerships would be in our best interest. Under the current Covid situation, the OCDSB is making many special interest speaker events and seminar series available online, therefore the need for attracting speakers is not needed. However, it would be valuable for Council to be able to contribute to some of the school special endeavors such as Students in Need Fund, Breakfast Club, School security, and student interest groups.

Communication can always be improved. Of note, communication with the parent community has improved but there is still more that could be done, especially through the use of social media—Facebook, Instagram, Twitter.

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

_____ Date

_____ Kiera Delgaty-Pak 2019-2020 Vice Chair

Summary for: School (Parent) council
Cat. #: 11000

Contact Person:

Date	Transaction	Description	Debit	Credit	Tax Rebate	Cleared
08/31/2019	Cheque 3097	Void - Marcie Kwindt Inv# - School (Parent) council - Stale Dated - Tax \$1.30	-\$13.56		-\$1.30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
08/31/2019	Cheque 3097	Void - Marcie Kwindt Inv# - School (Parent) council - Stale Dated - Tax \$1.39	-\$14.51		-\$1.39	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
08/31/2019	Cheque 3097	Void - Marcie Kwindt Inv# - School (Parent) council - Stale Dated - Tax \$0.70	-\$7.31		-\$0.70	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
08/31/2019	Cheque 3097	Void - Marcie Kwindt Inv# - School (Parent) council - Stale Dated - Tax \$0.00	-\$27.83			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
09/09/2019	Cheque 3097	Chq #3097 was cashed	\$63.21			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11/05/2019	Transfer 680	To support students in need	\$1,000.00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11/05/2019	Transfer 680	To support the Foods program	\$200.00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11/24/2019	Direct Deposit 3368623	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$20.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11/25/2019	Direct Deposit 3369551	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$50.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12/11/2019	Direct Deposit 3439256	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$50.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12/13/2019	Direct Deposit 3450117	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$25.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12/13/2019	Deposit 434	Log # 1141 - OCDSB PIP		\$500.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12/17/2019	Direct Deposit 3461835	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$30.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12/19/2019	Direct Deposit 3471091	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$75.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
01/10/2020	Direct Deposit 3512875	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$60.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
01/11/2020	Direct Deposit 3517764	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$30.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
01/24/2020	Direct Deposit 3566218	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$15.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
02/06/2020	Direct Deposit 3612858	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$75.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
02/07/2020	Direct Deposit 3617677	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$10.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
02/09/2020	Direct Deposit 3624357	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$30.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
02/28/2020	Direct Deposit 3689298	South Carleton High School Donation Page		\$10.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
03/06/2020	Transfer 685	To support HOPE club	\$80.00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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03/06/2020	Transfer 685	To support the new security system initiative	\$105.00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
03/06/2020	Transfer 685	To support the breakfast program	\$170.00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
03/06/2020	Deposit 440	Log # 1187 - Donations from Danby's		\$663.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
03/08/2020	Direct Deposit 3721198	South Carleton High School Donation Page - Spring 2020		\$10.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
03/20/2020	Direct Deposit 3750291	South Carleton High School Donation Page - Spring 2020		\$15.00		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
07/13/2020	Transfer 689	Cost Recovery - SCHS Donation Page	\$15.15			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Opening Balance: \$4,523.90

Category Balance: **\$4,621.75**

\$1,570.15

\$1,668.00

-\$3.39

Grand Totals:

Opening Balances: \$4,523.90

Category Balances: \$4,621.75

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