

BYNG PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Byng Council Annual Report for the 2018 – 2019 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

The Byng Public School Council had a very productive 2018-2019. The School Council held 4 meetings on October 1, December 3, February 4 and May 6. Members of school council worked on various issues during the year including the support of school and community based initiatives such as: replenishing of outdoor and indoor sports equipment, the promotion of healthy routes to school, helping to offset the cost of upgrading school technology (iPads), and the upcoming closure of Byng Public School. These meetings were open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community.

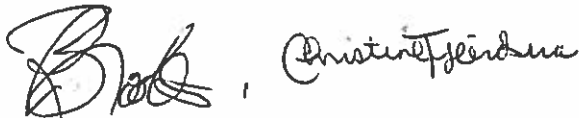
The purpose of the School Council is to help improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. School Councils are advisory organizations. A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations to the Principal of the school and the school Board. Boards and principals are responsible for considering the recommendations made by each school council and for advising the Council(s) of the actions taken in response to the recommendations. Accordingly, included with this report is a summary of the advice that the school Council provided to the Principal and to the school Board in 2018-2019, as well as the responses from the Principal and school Board on how this advice was taken into account in decision making.

Additional achievements of the school Council in 2018-2019 included the following: supporting Summit Climbing for all K-6 students, helping to cover the cost of hot chocolate for all students following the Winter Walk, supporting the one year subscription to Raz Kids Reading app (for K-grade 3 students) supporting a school wide pancake lunch. All proceeds of fundraisers through the school are used to fund projects in accordance with school board policies. These fund raising activities are identified in the attached financial summary entitled "Sources and Uses of Project Funds". Another summary of financial activity related to the school council's administrative activities,

entitled "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 who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the school council this year. Special thanks are due to the following members of the 2018-2019 school council: Kerry Dowdall, Secretary, Jessica Henderson, Treasurer, Natasha Scicluna, Member, Mae Senick, Principal, Claudia Chandler, Non-Teaching Representative and Lesia Collicutt, Teaching Representative. Finally, we would like to wish the best of luck to candidates in the September 2019-2020 school Council elections. Issues that we foresee as being important matters for the consideration of the new school Council following the September 2019-2020 elections include transitioning and preparing grade 6 for the transition to the 7-12 model and JK-grade 6 for the transition to Clearview Meadows as well as the closure of Byng Public School.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signatures of Rachel Brooks and Christine Tjeerdsma. The signature for Rachel Brooks is on the left, and the signature for Christine Tjeerdsma is on the right, separated by a comma.

Rachel Brooks & Christine Tjeerdsma
Co-Chairs
Byng School Council 2018-2019