

## Jack Chambers School Council for the 2018-2019 School Year ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Parents and School Community,

The Jack Chambers School Council had a very rewarding 2018-2019. We feel as though School Council accomplished a lot this past year, which in turn has benefited all students at Jack Chambers. The School Council held eight meetings during the school year, on a monthly basis, and worked on various issues including: new school board policies, traffic safety, security, curriculum, parent engagement, safe schools, fundraising, community engagement, and the environment. These meetings were open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community. This year's School Council Executive were: Paul Mills – Chair, Janey Zhang and Rebecca Hummel – Co Treasurers, Shannon Ruffell and Roland Griesmayer – Co Recording Secretaries, and Josiah Mathuranayagam – Community Representative.

The purpose of 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 of the actions taken in response to the recommendations.

Some of the many achievements of the Jack Chambers School Council in 2018-2019 included the following; augmenting the resources in the library by providing books at all grade levels including Forest of Reading, the purchase of new Chromebooks and iPads for use at all grade levels, the purchase of an AED, a contribution towards the repair of musical instruments, a contribution towards the basketball and volleyball Referees for the tournaments, a contribution towards the school's participation in two Mathematics Contests, Art Show supplies, the purchase of equipment and supplies for outdoor nature activities, the purchase of outdoor athletic equipment, the purchase of Volleyball Standards, pads and balls, a major contribution towards the new sound and projection systems in the gym, as well as numerous other items that help benefit the Jack Chambers school community. Fundraising activities were also conducted, and the proceeds were used to fund projects in accordance with School Board policies. Minutes of meetings and financial records are available for public inspection at the school office or can be viewed on the school website using the School Council link.

At Jack Chambers we are very fortunate to have such generous and supportive parents, families, and staff who help School Council realize its fundraising objectives. Since the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, School Council has raised more than \$29,750 profit through our various fundraising efforts which included; Hot Lunch, Chambers Day, Meet the Teacher, two Movie Nights, Holiday Market, and QSP magazine sales. Those funds have contributed towards the following purchases; library resources including Forest of Reading (Total \$1,013), Chromebooks and iPads (Total \$7,449), an AED (Total \$1,120), musical instrument repairs (Total \$940), basketball and volleyball Referees (Total \$1,029), participation in two Mathematics Contests (Total \$915), Art Show supplies (Total \$85), equipment and supplies for outdoor nature activities (Total \$664), outdoor athletic equipment (Total \$556), Volleyball Standards, pads and balls (Total \$1,537), donation to Grad Committee (Total \$1,000), popcorn machine and supplies (Total \$231), bridge project materials (Total \$71) and a major contribution towards the new sound and projection systems in the gym (Total \$16,000). School Council has also pledged \$2,762 towards the Yard Innovation Project.

On behalf of School Council, we would like to thank all our Jack Chambers parents and families, as well as the staff and Administration, for your ongoing support on all our various fundraising campaigns. Without your support none of these items would have been achievable. We also wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of School Council this year, with special thanks due to those members who participated on our various committees, including; Hot Lunch, Fundraising, Budget, and Chambers Day.

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 Council going forward, include; continued implementation of technology (e.g. iPads, Chromebooks, robotics, and coding), the Yard Innovation Project, and traffic safety. Thank you again for everyone's help and support this past school year. It is very much appreciated.

Kindest regards,

Paul Mills

Chair

Jack Chambers School Council