



Annual Report 2017-18

About CVES Council

Castor Valley Elementary School Council (CVESC) is a group of parents, teachers and administrative staff, who, through active participation, strive to improve student achievement and create a positive and fun learning environment; while fostering communication between parents, the school and the school board.

We are a dedicated and caring group of volunteers who work together to plan and coordinate a variety of programs, events and fundraisers,

Note from the Chair of 2017-18 and Co-Chairs of 2018-19

Thank you to all parents, teachers, staff, administration and students who participated in Council last year and to our amazing parent and staff volunteers who participated throughout the year in a variety of ways including:

- driving students to and from various special events such as music concerts and sporting events
- assisting classroom teachers with photocopying and the preparation of classroom materials
- reading with students
- caring for the school gardens
- running the alternative lunch and milk programs
- planning and organizing Christmas Shopping, Fun Night, Talentfest and Movie Nights
- hosting the Staff Appreciation Lunch
- hosting the Student Appreciation Lunch
- helping to supervise students on field trips and during Terry Fox National School Run Day and Jump Rope for Heart

Meetings

CVESC held 7 meetings in the 2017-18 school year on the following dates: September 14, October 19, November 16, January 18, March 1 April 5, and May 17. All of our meetings were held in the school library and were open to the public. Thank you to all parents who served as a member of Council, as you helped influence the direction of our school community.

Council Members

Our 2017-2018 Council was elected on September 14, 2017 and was made up of parents, teachers, staff and administration including:

Chair – **Kim Chen**

Co-Secretaries – **Jenni Bell and Cynara Corbin**

Treasurers – **Tina Clarmo and Tara Starzmoski**

Movie Night Coordinator- **Tamara Legris**

Fun Night Coordinator-**Kim Chen**

Inclusive, Safe and Caring Schools Committee Coordinators: **Elli Kapsalis and Carrie Amell**

Christmas Sale Coordinators-**Kiera Lennox and Kim Chen**

Website Coordinators – **Juliette Klein**

Talentfest Coordinator-**Jen Danby Mcdonald**

Hot Lunch Program Coordinators- **Tara Starzmoski and Johan Brathwell**

Milk Program Coordinator-**Eleanor Robinson**

Voting Members: Kim Chen, Cynara Colbrin, Jenni Bell, Tina Clarmo, Tara Starszmoski, Catherine Yang, Carrie Amell, Sarah Slater, Natalie Elliott, Melissa Ekdom-Delorme, Elli Kapsalis, Emma Kryzanowski, Stephanie Pagan, Tamara Legris, Deanna Morris, Maryam Sugrue-Foubert, Erin Ingraham, Patricia Bezaine, Lisa Multari

Members at Large – Amber Smith, Lesley Parker, Crystal Brown, Julie McIntosh-Custic, Melanie Ritchie, Gail Spencer, Alka Moorjani

Principal – Chris Toivonen

Teacher Representatives (rotation)

Staff Representatives - Gail Souliere (Administrator), Coreen Atkins (Librarian)

What Did Council Do in the 2017-2018 School Year?

- Informed our school community through the implementation of a school-wide parent email list.
- Grew our CVESC facebook group membership to over 300 members to further enhance parent connections with the school. The group is very active with daily postings and information dissemination from council to the members.
- Received a Ministry of Education \$1000 Parent Reaching Out grant for the 2017/18 school year to support the delivery of 2 Parent Information Evenings. Both events were well attended and received.
- Ran the alternative lunch and milk programs as well as bi-monthly popcorn days.
- Supported the Terry Fox National School Run Day
- Supported the Education Foundation of Ottawa's Toonie Tuesday
- Supported Jump Rope for Heart

- Held 2 well attended family movie nights in the school gym and will continue to host them in the coming school year.
- Funded appx. \$12000 in Ad Hoc requests.
- Supported the grade 7 & 8 Ambassadors in their efforts to raise awareness and funds for their initiatives
- Planned and organized Christmas Shopping & Activity Days and expanded activities at our largest event, Fun Night, by working with local partners.
- Organised Talentfest, which was held over two nights and saw active student involvement. In lieu of admission, requests were made for canned food, which was donated the Ottawa Food Bank.
- Coordinated fundraising programs and events throughout the year: Lunch Lady, Fundscrip and Mabel's Labels
- Hosted the Staff Appreciation Lunch and Student Volunteer Appreciation Lunch