

**Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School Council**

**Annual Report  
For the  
2015/2016 School Year**

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

Welcome back! We hope you had a safe and happy summer. The NCPS School Council had a very rewarding 2015-2016. The school council held 7 meetings on the following dates:

1	Tuesday, October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 at 6:00 p.m., NCPS Library
2	Tuesday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2015 at 6:00 p.m., NCPS Library
3	Monday, January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 at 6:00 p.m., NCPS Library
4	Tuesday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2016 at 6:00 p.m., NCPS Library
5	Tuesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 at 6:00 p.m., NCPS Library
6	Monday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2016 at 6:00 p.m., NCPS Library
7	Tuesday, June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 at 6:00p.m., NCPS Library

The council worked on various issues during the year including the following activities:

- Provision of the milk program and hot lunch program
- Use of the “Parents Reaching Out Grant” funding secured by the previous year’s council (\$1,000) for to host “Resiliency” presentation with Barbary Evoy. Securing of an additional \$1000 funding for next year’s “Parents Reaching out Grant” to host a “Social media awareness” event with Chris Vollum in November 2016
- Breakfast with Santa event
- Dance-a-thon
- Fundraising to support the purchase of additional chromebooks, ipad minis and new carpets for 3 classrooms
- Installation of the new school sign

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 of the actions taken in response to the recommendations.

Additional achievements of the school council in 2015/2016 are our fundraising activities, the proceeds of which were used to fund projects in accordance with school board policies. These fund-raising activities are identified below:

- Activities to support 'General School Needs'** (including arts, athletics, and technology)- School Photos (Fall), Milk (ongoing October – June), Pizza Lunches (ongoing October - June), QSP magazines (fall)
- Activities to support school sign and school enhancements-** Dance-a-thon (February), Breakfast with Santa (December)
- Activities to support subsidization of field trips-** Chocolates (March), Community 'Swap and Shop'
- Activities to support the library-** Book Fair (January)
- Activities to support the music program-** Poinsettia sales (November)
- Activities to support external charities-** Terry Fox Run (October), International Cupcake Day for Georgian Triangle SPCA (February), Fort McMurray Donations (May)

Minutes of meetings held are available on the school website [cre.scdsb.on.ca](http://cre.scdsb.on.ca) (click 'parents' then 'school council') or at the school office 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 last year. Special thanks are due to the following members of the 2015-2016 school council:

Sharon Gummer	Chair, Voting Member
Emily Worts	Vice Chair, Voting Member
Kristi Green	Co-Secretary, Voting Members
Jenn Jansen	Co-Secretary, Voting Member
Alison Golding	Principal
Jennifer Angus	Teaching Representative
Michele Boileau	Voting Member
Sandra Gee	Voting Member
Gillian Harris-Sopinka	Voting Member
Jill MacAlpine	Voting Member
Lilly Martin	Voting Member
Juliette Reynolds	Voting Member
Deborah Rowbotham	Voting Member
Terria Woodhouse	Voting Member

*With much gratitude to our volunteers!*

Finally, we would like to wish the best of luck to candidates in the September 2016 school council elections. Issues that we foresee as being important matters for consideration of the new council following the 2016/2017 elections include continuing to support student achievement in all areas, preparing for the NCPS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in the Spring of 2017, continuing to plan for the use of the school garden as a learning tool.

Sincerely yours,  
Sharon Gummer  
Chair  
September 30, 2016