

CENTRAL SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Creating Community and Culture | Création d'une Communauté et de la Culture

Mandate

To contribute to student achievement and well-being at Central Public School by enhancing communication between the school and the school community, also creating a community and culture that supports the active participation of parents and the school community.

Officers

Chair: C. Silversides

Vice-Chair: L. Davidson

Secretary: S. Rapin

Treasurer: H. Etherington

Fundraising: B. O'Shaughnessy

Fundscrip: E. Ens

Lunch: M. Barnard

Representatives

Parents: A. Bromley, B. Gibson, B. El-Hassan, J. MacDonnell, K. Litke, K. Kuiper, K. O'Connor, L. Wohlgemut, L. Padgett, L. Greenwood, M. Afnan, M. Cowan, N. Zydownyk, O. Glukhov, S. Bell, S. Mercuri, T. Mercuri

Principal: M. Zeoli

Teacher: C. Lauzon,

Student: Hailey M.

Community: M. Petrino



Thank you/Merci

Thank you and merci to all the parents who volunteered their time to the Central School Council during 2014-2015! This past year was one of many changes for Central Public School with French Immersion for grades 1-8, a new school administration and brand new slate of council officers. We accomplished much!

2015 Dance-A-Rama

From your Fundraising Chair, Bridget O'Shaughnessy: Thanks to Boston Pizza and Yogurty's for donating prizes. Kudos to Mme. Kingston/M. Contini's class for raising the most. Congratulations to the three top individual prize winners, Colin F., Sophie H., and Jaydan K. Many thanks to parent volunteers Laura Noble-Wohlgemut, Ginelle Polmanter-Gentle, Kathryn Litke, Rita Persaud, and Sandra Mercuri. Thanks also to Belal El-Hassan and Leanne Greenwood for help with Freezies sales at Track & Field.

2014-2015 Fundraising

Fundraisers

- Winter: MacMillans Favourites
- Spring: Dance-A-Rama
- Ongoing: FundScrip, Pizza Pizza, Lunch Lady, Kernels Popcorn, Freezies



Central School Council
Conseil d'école Central

Committees

Parent Resource Centre

S. Mercuri, M. Cowan

Playground

N. Zydownyk, L. Wohlgemut, H. Etherington, G. Polmanter-Gentle

Meetings

The first council meeting for the 2015-2016 School-year is scheduled for Tuesday, **September 29th** at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. All parents and community members are welcome. Parent Representatives will be determined at this meeting.

Communications

Via the school website, newsletters, and e-mail, and by council via e-mail, on **Facebook**: Central School Council Grimsby, **Twitter**: @CentralCouncilG, and **website**: www.cscprc.weebly.com - Write council to join e-mail list: conseildecolecentral@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor

Cynthia Silversides

Contributions

Both winter and spring fundraisers held in 2015 were donated towards new school sign, \$1,100.00 and \$3,686.00 respectively.

From ongoing council fundraisers a total of \$7,314.00 was donated to the school in June for the purchase of:

- Chairs for Performances/Gym Presentations \$3,158.35
- School Uniforms/Sports (30) \$1,800.00
- Otterbox Cases (19) for iPads purchased in 2014 \$1,288.20
- Portable Sound System \$988.75

Other donations made during this school-year in 2014:

- Teacher Subsidy (\$100.00 per teacher) \$3,400.00
- Grade 8 Graduation \$500.00



Parent Resource Centre

The 2014-2015 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) grant funds of \$500.00 were used to purchase materials and books for a new centre being set-up in the school library. See brochure for details on these resources to encourage parent engagement.

Thank you to committee members Sandra Mercuri and Melinda Cowan for their work in getting this initiative started, also to Kristin O'Connor/Hobby and Toy Central Mapleview Mall in Burlington for their donations to the centre. If you have any gently used games, activities, or books you would like to donate, please contact council at: conseildecolecentral@gmail.com

A 2015-2016 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant application for \$1,000.00 was submitted by Council Chair Cynthia Silversides for funding the opening of a parent resource centre and materials to enhance parent engagement in support of improved student achievement and well-being, to include brochures, handouts, materials, and refreshments for the Central School Council Parent Resource Centre (PRC).

In the meantime, an online PRC has been set-up by council and can be accessed at: www.cscprc.weebly.com

French Language

FrancoFEST Hamilton 2015, the largest francophone arts and culture festival on the Niagara Peninsula is celebrating 400 years of francophone presence in Ontario from July 4th to 5th/Du 4 au 5 Juillet in Gage Park with free shows and activities for the whole family under a "vintage circus" theme. More information here: www.francofesthamilton.ca

The **Canadian Parents for French** (CPF) e.bulletin is filled with information about summer activities, their fall symposium, new chapters and more: <http://canadianparentsforfrenchontario.cmail1.com/t/ViewEmail/i/6D814AC09AA0DABC/E95B2FD62277E99BF6A1C87C670A6B9F>

With the success of **French language courses** for adults offered this past spring in Grimsby, they will be offered again in the fall, and are also expanding to St. Catharines! Look for class listings in the DSBN Adult and Community Education Fall Guide, *Learn, Explore, Discover!*

Parental Involvement

To further the mandate of communication and participation established by the Central School Council, this framework of six types of parental involvement by Joyce Epstein could be a good jump-off point for future council activity:

Parenting Helping parents fulfill their role as parents, providing information on items such as health, nutrition, child development, etc.

Communicating Effective ways to keep parents informed about student progress and happenings at school.

Volunteering Includes examples of how parents can be volunteers even when they can't come to the school building.

Learning at Home Involving families in homework and other home learning activities. The Teachers Involving Parents in Schoolwork (TIPS) program is a great resource for encouraging learning at home. Parents are provided with activities that directly involve them with their child in classroom work. My favourite is an activity that uses liquids like ketchup, corn syrup and oil to learn about viscosity.

Decision Making Ways to include families in school decision-making and governance. Schools normally establish annual goals and objectives and the framework suggests including parents in this process.

Collaborating with the Community Describes how schools can build links among family, school and external groups and services.

Read more about parents and the school community here: <http://www.cea-ace.ca/education-canada/article/parent-engagement> - What are your thoughts on parental involvement and what are your suggestions for council in 2015-2016? E-mail council at: conseildecolecentral@gmail.com

Happy Summer!