



Nottawa Elementary School
Annual Report
for the
2015 – 2016 School Year

Dear Parents / Guardians and School Community,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Nottawa Elementary. We hope you had a safe and fun filled summer. The Nottawa School Council held eight meetings on Sept. 14th, Oct. 5th, Nov. 2nd, Jan. 4th, Feb. 1st, Mar. 7th, Apr. 4th, May 2nd and June 6th. We worked on various issues during the year including nutrition, health, nutrition and fundraising. These meetings are open to the public to encourage input from parents, guardians and other members of the 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. 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.

Nottawa school council is a very active and community minded group. The council provides important support to the school throughout the year. We sponsor a variety of events to help promote school and community spirit and are intended to help every member in and around the school community feel included and welcomed. We are fortunate to have the help of a large number of volunteers from the community. Student learning and the school environment are greatly enhanced by the contributions of our volunteer's time and help. Achievements of the school council in 2015-2016 include the following:

- Hosted a Calm Kidz and Spaghetti night to help improve student Mental Health with funds granted from the PIC committee
- Hosted an swim night to engage parents and families with funds acquired through the PRO Grant
- Continued with the Marafun project to promote health and well-being for our students
- Started a Nutrition Committee to promote healthy eating and well-being of our students both in and out of the school environment in accordance with the Nutritional Guidelines
- Removed all 'sweets' from all of our events to fully promote the Nutritional Guidelines adopted this school year
- Hosted our annual Fun Fair to raise funds for classroom enhancements and outdoor improvements

Fundraising activities were also conducted throughout the year and the proceeds were used in accordance with the school board policies. These fundraising activities are identified in the attached financial summary.



Minutes of the meetings held and the financial records are available for public inspection at the school office or on our website.

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 in the 2015 – 2016 school year. Special thanks are due to the following: Kim Bryan, Nicola Alving, Melissa McDonald, Owen Johnston, Shannon Jackson, Sue Thomas, Leanna Butwell, Lori Ford, Pamela Dimitroff, Helen O'Farrel, Heather Stewart, Barbara Op't Hoog and Troy Comish.

Finally, we would like to wish the best of luck to candidates in the September 2016-2017 school council elections. Please join us on at our first council meeting on September 12th at 6:30 pm in the school library to become a member of the Parent Council. We will also be holding elections this night so if you would like a more involved role on Parent Council you can come and apply for a position and/or to vote or candidates. Position that are available are:

- Chair
- Co-Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Pro Grant Co-ordinator
- Fun Fair Co-ordinator
- PIC Grant Co-ordinator
- Nutrition Committee Co-ordinator

We look forward to seeing some new and old faces in September!

Sincerely Yours,
Laura Schywiola and Carolyn Foss
Co-Charis
June 12, 2016