



Northern Gateway
Public Schools

School Council Annual Report 2018-2019 Darwell School

The following report reflects the activity of the School Council during the 2018 – 2019 school year.

1. Executive Members:

Chairperson:	<u>Natasha Johnson</u> <u>Christina Goodvin</u>
Assistant Chair:	<u>Rae Gilbert</u>
Secretary:	<u>Debbie Engstrom</u>
Treasurer:	<u></u>

2. Meeting Dates:

(include the number of attendees for each meeting; school personnel and trustees are to be included in this count.)

- September-12
- October-7
- November-7
- December-no meeting
- January-6
- February-9
- March-10
- April-9
- May -6
- June-no meeting

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- June

3. Major Activities:

include a brief description outlining the purpose and outcome.)

- We continue to host a Boo Hoo Party on the first day of school. Existing parents of School Council bring in baked goods and refreshments and offer the experiences and knowledge that they've had as a parent at Darwell School. We answer questions new parents have, as well as touching base on topics we know will come up in the future. Parents learn what they can do to be involved with our school and how to be a part of their child's education. This is a great success each year, we've gained new parent involvement in the school, and on School Council, and parents have gained some new friends
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4. Parental Involvement:

include the types of activities and the roles of the parents.)

- We hold our annual Christmas Bake Sale in conjunction with the School Christmas Concert. The proceeds are donated to local families in need. Parents bake goodies and volunteer their time to sell them. This event is always well received.
- With the help of parent volunteers and our fundraising association, we provide every student, staff member, and volunteer a free soup meal in the fall, a free pancake lunch around February and a free burger lunch around May. For the soup, each student brings in a vegetable and it all goes into the soup. For each meal parent volunteers come in early to help peel and cut the vegetables and cook the soup and set up tables and chairs in the gym, they help dish out food to all, and then help clean up.
- With the help of our fundraising association, parents continue to supply hot, nutritious lunches throughout the year. Parents volunteers plan and make menus for the year, and make up lunch order forms to distribute each month through the school. Then parents collect the forms and balance the money, create spreadsheets for each class and make up a shopping list. Volunteers purchase food and supplies, they come in early on lunch days to prepare food and distribute the food to each class.

- With donations we received, parents continue to improve our Learning Garden Center, adding plants and trees and soil, and keeping the area weeded and maintained.
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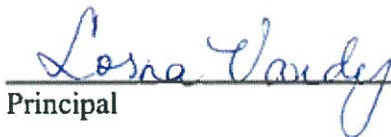
5. Major Challenges:

Comment briefly on why these particular challenges exist, and what action the School Council and School Administration are planning to take to address the challenges.)

- Getting parents involved is always a challenge, but our Boo Hoo Party has helped to enlighten new parents what School Council's involvements are, and why we would love to have them attend our meetings and events, we continue to see some success with this each year.
- Enlisting parents to take over executive roles in the School Council is a huge challenge. Few members attend every meeting, and those that do already hold an executive position. This year we delegated many of our committee roles away from our executive members to be shared amongst all members.
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School Council Chair

June 27, 2019
Date


Principal

June 27/19
Date