



## **WILLOW LANDING SCHOOL COUNCIL**

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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 Willow Landing Elementary School Council had a very rewarding 2015-2016 school year. The school council held 7 meetings (September 28th, November 2nd, December 7th, February 1st, March 7th, April 4th, and May 2nd) and provided input on school purchases, organized fundraising and various volunteer activities at the school. 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. One action taken was to advocate for keeping the milk and pizza programs active in the school.

Additional achievements of the school council in 2015-2016 school year included the following:

- Orientation of volunteers and using an electronic program (Sign-Up Genius) for volunteer duties
- Encourage parents to sign-up for School Cash On-line
- Assisted with Parent/Guardian School Survey
- Implementation of school snack program
- Received Pro Grant for Snuggle Up 'n Read
- Started to fundraise for a new stage
- Encouraged active transportation – purchase of new bike racks (installed at front of school)
- Subsidizing School Trips
- Purchase of stage lights for gym
- Purchase of new multi-use school team uniforms (volleyball, cross country, track and field)
- Purchase of washing machine
- Purchase of second Door Buzzer so parents can enter the school more quickly
- Purchase of 2 iPads for the FSL program

Fundraising activities were also conducted, and the proceeds were used to fund projects in accordance with school board policies. These fund-raising activities are identified in the attached financial summary entitled "Sources and Uses of Project Funds". Another summary of financial activity related to the school council's administrative activities, entitled "Sources and Uses of Operating Funds", is also attached. Minutes of meetings held and financial records are available for public inspection at the school office.



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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: Steven Peck (Principal), James Dobson (Vice Principal), Tori Osadca (Teacher Rep), Vicki Elliot (co-chair), Hilary Gibbons (co-chair), Shannon Greavette (treasurer), Kim Mangos (Secretary), Karen Dryden-Palmer (Community Rep) and Heather Halpin (member at large).

Finally, we would like to wish the best of luck to candidates in the September 2016-2017 school council elections. Issues that we foresee as being important matters for the consideration of the new school council following the September 2016 elections include:

- Engaging the community with our school after-hours activities
- Encouraging volunteers to participate in school activities and fundraisers
- Continuing to fundraise for the new stage and determining which stage the school council is wanting to purchase.

Sincerely yours,

Hilary Gibbons and Vicki Elliott  
School Council Co-Chairs

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