

June 25, 2018

As we head into summer following a very swift school year, I want to thank this community for the wonderful support you provide for our school. It is witnessed daily and appreciated constantly by students and staff. Our volunteers are priceless! Currently we have parents and previous students transforming our gym for Grad Night – it's already looking awesome! A special thank you Mrs. Chantler, Mrs. Knowlton, Mrs. Leahy and Mrs. Comella.

I also want to take a moment to thank our conscientious and caring staff for all of their efforts in supporting not only student's academic achievement, but student's leadership, well-being and community involvement. I appreciate their work and commitment to make school a safe and happy learning environment.

At this time of year we see some changes. We say a fond farewell to Mrs. Seguin and Mrs. Boyer who made seamless transitions in stepping in for Mrs. Collingbourne (now VP at Minesing) and Mrs. Hannah. We wish Mrs. Seguin and Mrs. Boyer all the best as they move on. Mrs. Collingbourne's position has now become a contract vacancy in grade 7/8. I look forward to letting you know the outcome of that hiring in September.

We have had a wonderful 2017/18 school year and the culmination of grade 8 graduation and our planned talent show for Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup> will bring a fitting close to our year. I am excited for the 2018/19 school year, but in the meantime, let's all enjoy a safe and happy summer filled with memory-making fun.

Kindest regards,  
Aileen Ross

#### **VOLUNTEERS AT BAXTER CENTRAL**

In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, and in accordance with the Education Act, the SCDSB requires a complete and up to date Criminal Background Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (CBC-VSS) for all volunteers across the system.

If your CBC-VSS is approaching the expiration date, and you wish to continue as a SCDSB volunteer, please complete the following steps:

1. Contact the office to obtain a CBC-VSS request letter.
2. Bring your CBC-VSS letter to your local police detachment
3. Submit your original CBC-VSS to the school administrator no later than Oct.31, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

#### **KINDERGARTEN ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2018**

Year 2 Senior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. They are to attend continually from this time.

Year 1 Junior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Thursday, September 6, 2018. They are to attend continually from this time.

## Baxter Central PS Council Annual Report for the 2017-2018 School Year

Dear Parents and School Community:

We hope you have a safe and happy summer. The Baxter Central PS School Council had a very rewarding 2017-2018 school year. The school council has held 6 meetings on October 2, November 6, December 4, February 5, April 9, and May 7. And the last meeting will be held on June 4. These meetings were open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community.

We held several fundraisers, and projects in accordance with the school board policies. These fund-raising activities are identified in the attached financial summary entitled "Sources and Uses of Project Funds". Records of minutes with the financial records are available for public inspection in the School Council Continuity Binder. Fundraisers that council planned and ran included; a Meet the Teacher, pancake dinner, we sold Snow Valley coupons, we ran our annual Christmas Treasures sale, we held a 'McDonald's Night' fundraiser, we sold tickets to a Barrie Colts game, we ran two material drives, and we will also be hosting our annual Arts in the Pasture end of year celebration, where we will hold a variety of fundraisers.

School council continues to run a daily breakfast club and snack program, with the help of many volunteers. This program was funded this year by Eat Well to Excel, a PC Children's Charities grant, school fundraising and community donations.

Council applied for and received a \$1000 Parents Reaching Out grant. We used the funds to host two informative events for parents. On March 22nd, the SCDSB mental health lead Danielle Mink, and Principal of well-being, Cathern Lethbridge presented to attendees on the topic of mental wellness. We also provided attendees with resources. On May 3rd, Tricia Barry from Money Matters presented to community members on the topic of financial literacy.

Council also applied for and received a Circle of Learning grant from the SCDSB Parent Involvement Committee. We used the funds to host a very successful family game night.

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 recommendation made by each school council and for advising the council(s) of the actions taken in response to the recommendations. A record of minutes and actions are kept in the School Council Continuity Binder.

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 during this past year. Special thanks are due to the following members of the 2017-2018-school council:

Chair: Brandy Rafeek    Secretary: Tanya Grant

Voting members: Brandy Rafeek, Tanya Grant, Tina Oliveira, Andrea Walker, and Andrea Dragicevic.

Finally, we would like to wish the best of luck to the candidates in the Sept. 2018-2019 school council elections. Issues that we foresee as being important matters for the consideration of the new school council are; the carrying out of the 2018-19 PRO grant, the growth of the parent resource lending library and the continuation of the breakfast club and snack program.

Sincerely, Brandy Rafeek - School Council Chair



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<b>EP</b>	<b>Elementary Professional Activity Days</b> - October 22, 2018, November 23, 2018, January 25, 2019, March 1, 2019, May 3, 2019, May 31, 2019, June 28, 2019
<b>ETD</b>	<b>Elementary Turn-Around Day</b> - September 25, 2018
<b>RC</b>	<b>Elementary Reporting Schedule</b> - November 16, 2018, February 15, 2019, June 26, 2019
<b>H</b>	<b>Holidays</b> Labour Day - September 3, 2018 Thanksgiving Day - October 8, 2018 Winter Break - December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019 Family Day - February 18, 2019 March Break - March 11 to 15, 2019 Good Friday - April 19, 2019 Easter Monday - April 22, 2019 Victoria Day - May 20, 2019