

LaSalle Public School

SAC Annual Report Summary 2008-2009

The LaSalle Public School SAC had a very successful and positive influence on the school this year. The SAC worked together with the principal, vice principal, teachers, staff, parent volunteers and students to organize many events and activities. The number of SAC members grew this year from last and it is our hope it will continue to grow in the upcoming years with the positive outlook our members share. Listed below is a description of some notable accomplishments this year.

Meet The Teacher Barbeque

In September, the SAC hosted a barbeque for the parents to have the opportunity to meet their child(ren)'s teachers and to socialize with other families in the LPS community.

Annual Walk-a-Thon

Every year the SAC has a Walk-a-thon fundraiser in October. All proceeds go directly to the school and benefit each and every student at LPS. Funds raised went towards such items as musical instruments, classroom support, bussing for field trips, school performances and Good News prizes, just to name a few.

JK/SK Registration Night

The SAC was on hand to welcome new parents to the school and to offer friendly advice. Refreshments and baked goods were provided courtesy of the council members.

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

For teacher appreciation week, the SAC held a breakfast where the teachers and staff were treated to bagels, croissants, muffins, fruit, orange juice and Tim Hortons' coffee. Tables in the staff room were covered with white linens and adorned with flowers.

Library Smart Board

The SAC purchased a Smart Board that will be dedicated for use in the library. All classes use the library on a weekly basis and they can have the opportunity to use the Smart Board during this time. The Smart Board can also be used in the computer lab when needed. It is an important teaching tool and the students love to use it.

Grade 2 Books

Using funds raised by the Walk-a-thon, the SAC was able to purchase over 200 books for the Grade 2 classes. These books will be used for in-school and take-home reading programs and come in a variety of reading levels.

Milk Program

Run entirely by parent volunteers throughout the school year, the SAC provides a milk program for students at LPS. White or chocolate milk can be purchased in advance and is available on a daily basis for all students.

Food Days

Once a month, the SAC runs a food day. Lunch options include pizza and pasta. The Grade 8 students usually run the pita days in December, March and May.

Zehrs Tapes

Throughout the school year the students bring in Zehrs receipts for a fundraising effort. For every \$450 of receipts Zehrs gives the SAC \$1. Each month a draw is held and a student is picked to win a \$10 gift card. The class that collects the most Zehrs tapes in a term wins an ice cream treat.

Rotating Teacher Rep

Each month a different teacher attends our Council meetings. This gives SAC members a chance to hear from teachers at the Early Years, Primary, Junior and Intermediate levels. This gives the SAC a chance to get different perspectives from teachers throughout the school year.

School Magnets

With the Parental Involvement Grant given to the SAC by the school board, the SAC purchased school magnets to be distributed to every family at LPS. Magnets will also be given out during future JK/SK registrations. The magnets list the school phone number, address and website information.

Newsletters

Three times a year the SAC publishes a newsletter that is sent home with every family and is also posted on the LPS website. The newsletter updates parents on the accomplishments of the SAC and informs them of any upcoming events.

SAC Bulletin Board

Located in the main entrance of the school, the SAC information bulletin board keeps parents apprised of any events or activities involving the SAC. A copy of the latest SAC monthly minutes and agendas for the next meeting are posted at this location.

Intermediate Books

With funds raised the SAC was able to purchase intermediate books for the Leveled Reading Book Room. The Grade 7 and 8 teachers informed the SAC of a need for books at the intermediate level. Over 100 books were purchased and will be used for classroom instruction.

PRO Grant

The SAC was able to purchase resources for the Parent Resource Library using the PRO Grant money provided by the school board.

Other Items Purchased

It is the intention of the SAC to make purchases that are beneficial to students. Any purchases are discussed and voted upon by SAC members. Other items purchased include:

- Loretta Penny presentation
- Floor hockey nets
- Grade 6 French field trip
- Scanners for the laptop carts
- Snacks for EQAO students

Suggestions and ideas are always welcomed. Everyone is invited to attend SAC meetings. Our meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm in the LPS library.

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