

English Catholic Central School Parent Council

**Annual Report for the
2014 - 2015 School Year**

Dear Parents and School Community,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a safe and happy summer. The English Catholic Central School Parent Council had a very rewarding 2014 - 2015 year. The school council held monthly meetings at the school (usually the first Monday of each month) and worked to address various issues during the year including: school yard improvements, greening the school yard, and pursuing the possibility of a Catholic High School. These meetings were open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community. Minutes to all of the meetings are available at the school.

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(s) of the actions taken in response to the recommendations.

Achievements of the school council in 2014-2015 year are as follows: a free Open House and BBQ in October; the purchase of the School Mascot, Felix the Falcon; the purchase of two Buddy Benches for primary and junior school yards, and financial support for the Inflatable Fun Day in June. Council conducted two fundraisers during the year; Thornloe Cheese sales campaign in January and the Steeped Tea, Dessert and Art Show held in April, in conjunction with a Steeped Tea sales campaign. We hope to continue our fundraising efforts in the next school year so we are able to put money towards additional school yard improvements! Any assistance you could provide would be much appreciated!

Issues that we foresee as being important matters for the consideration of the new school council following the September 2015 elections include: Fundraising, Greening the School Yard, and School Yard Improvements. If you would like to assist with any of these initiatives, please consider running for council.

Special thanks are due to the following members of the 2014-2015 school council: Marita Kennedy, Rachel Batisse, Billie Richer, Karen Laffrenier, Jen Bailey, Natasha Ruddy, Carla Duquette, Mairead O'Shea, Michelle Menard, Jennifer Cayen, Sara Munroe, Melanie Fleury and past principal Lori Hurtubise. We also wish to thank our trustee Martin Drainville. Finally, we would like to welcome our new principal Mr. Matt Turner and wish the best of luck to all our students who are beginning another fun and exciting school year at ECCS.

Sincerely yours,

Heidi Donck
Chair, ECCS Parent Council
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