



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



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SCHOOL COUNCIL YEAR-END REPORT

Please make a submission by 31 October. Your submission will be shared with the School Principal, school office staff, the Policy Analyst, and the Family Community Engagement Coordinator.

For additional guidance, please refer to [School Councils Policy P.014.SCO](#)

And [School Council Elections, Constitution and By-Laws Procedure PR.509.SCO](#)

School Name: *

Sir Robert Borden High School

School Council Chair: *

Andrea Horton

School Year

2022-2023

The School Council Mission and Vision: *

The mandate of the Council is to:

Serve as a liaison among the School, the Board, parents, students and the community;

Advise on all areas of school policy, maintaining a school-wide focus within the parameters established by the Board;

Propose initiatives aimed at maximizing educational opportunities and enhancing school life;

Establish and coordinate committees of the Council engaged in activities related to fulfilling this mandate;

Establish its goals, priorities and procedures;

Promote the best interests of the school community; and

Organize information and training sessions to enable members of the Council to develop their skills as Council members.

Objectives: Build a sense of community, enhance the home school relationship, provide advice and comment on many aspects of the overall school "life" such as school year calendar, priorities, achievement, school and principal profile.

Members of the School Council: *

Chair: Andrea Horton

Secretary: Emma Ordeman

OCASC Representative: Sharon Creasey

Principal: Matthew Gagnier

Intermediate VP: John Ioannu

Teacher Rep: Jeffrey Snyder

Student Representative: Adam Drissi

Members at Large:

Brenda Asselstine

Nicole Lauro

Ann McEachern

Annie Plourde

Margaret Moores

Tina Maisonneuve

Note from the School Council Chair: *

This was the first year the Council really did any activities since before the pandemic, and the Council members were mostly new, so it took a bit of time to get things up and running. The Council supported a variety of activities that benefitted the school's students, families and community. We had a small but mighty group of volunteers who helped out with the various events we ran. All Council meetings were held virtually, but all the activities we supported were held in person. The participation from the school principal, vice principal, teacher rep, student rep, and various teachers and staff members who presented at meetings were much appreciated. The feedback received from the people attending the various events was positive, and they were appreciative of the Council's contributions. Overall, I think it was a successful year for the Council.

-Andrea Horton, SRB School Council Chair

A summary of the School Council activities this school year, including fundraising activities, if applicable: *

In 2022-23, the Council conducted the following activities:

- provided refreshments for prospective parents/guardians and students at the Welcome to Grade 7 and Welcome to High School nights
- hosted a workshop for parents/guardians on the topic of "Addressing Microaggressions & Building a Culture of Collective Care", through a PRO grant
- provided a staff appreciation breakfast (not using Council funds)
- supported the creation of a coffee cart for the Autism Spectrum Disorder class to build their skills
- purchased some books
- the Council Chair attended the grade 12 commencement ceremony and gave out some diplomas and awards
- the OCASC rep participated in OCASC meetings

The Council did not undertake any fundraising activities in 2022-23, as there were funds remaining from previous years, due to a lack of activities during the pandemic.

If fundraising activities are applicable, please indicate the spending plans approved by your School Council: *

The Council did not undertake any fundraising activities, but did approve the following expenses, using existing funds from previous years:

- refreshments for welcome to high school and welcome to grade 7 nights: \$183.92
- start up costs for coffee cart for ASD class: \$328.89
- purchase of books: \$303.79
- microaggression workshop: \$250 from Council funds in addition to the \$750 PRO grant received

Comments for the successor School Council: *

The Council could discuss hosting some meetings in person next year. It would be good to build on the workshop on microaggressions that was held this year through further sessions with parents, and in collaboration with the school, to complement work they are doing with staff and students. It is recommended to start planning for the PRO grant early, in case there is a short deadline again next year. This would allow for more discussion among Council members about what the grant could support. Some possible ideas for activities that we talked about but didn't do this year include: having the School Board trustee come for a meet-and-greet, having some sort of lunch for intermediate students during high school exams (e.g. Subway), and maybe being involved with the Music Department's concert and fundraising events (though they have their own committee). The staff appreciation breakfast was enjoyed by the staff, so it could be nice to do that again next year, if possible.

Names of School Council members contributing to this report: *

Andrea Horton, Chair
