



2015/16 YEAR-END REPORT



The Monsignor Clair Catholic School Community Council (the Council) is pleased to provide the 2015/16 Year-End Report for MCS families and staff.

2015/16 COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS

- **Increasing the Knowledge, Skills & Confidence of our Children**
Focus: Math Development; Increasing Activity & Well-Being
- **Building the Monsignor Clair School Community**
Focus: Engaging Families; Increasing & Sustaining Volunteers
- **Nurturing God's Family**
Focus: Giving Back to Our Community

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Event	Date	Details
Increasing the Knowledge, Skills & Confidence of our Children <i>Focus: Math Development; Increasing Activity & Well-Being</i>		
Playground Toys	September	Playground toys were purchased to replace lost or damaged toys.
Line Painting in the Schoolyard	May	Funding was provided to paint lines in the school yard so that children can play games at recess like 4 Square, basketball and mini-sticks.
Healthy Snacks Program	February - June	Through some existing school funding, bowls of fruit were placed in each MCS classroom on Tuesdays. This program was a big hit! Special thanks to Robin Kouji for running this program.
Technology in the Classrooms	April	As a direct result of the funds raised by MCS families through chocolate bar sales, each classroom received new technology. Over \$4,250 was invested in iPads, speakers and apple TVs.
Van-Go Art Program	May	The McLaren Art Centre's Van-Go Program was brought to MCS. Students in every class had an opportunity to complete and bring home a unique art project. The students and staff loved this event!
Scientists in the Classroom	May	"Scientists in the Classroom" was supported again this year. Students had an opportunity to participate in classroom science activities.
Healthy Minds & Healthy Bodies	May 5	This was designed to promote family activity. Barrie Parks & Rec led games in the gym and there were Zumba and yoga classes as well. Arts and crafts and face painting were a hit. We welcomed new families with the Kindergarten information night. Dr. Pat Carney also spoke to parents about "Building Resiliency in our Children".
Grade 8 Graduation	June	Funding was provided to support graduation awards for Grade 8 students.
Building the Monsignor Clair School Community <i>Focus: Engaging Families; Increasing & Sustaining Volunteers</i>		
Pizza-Q	September 24	Council had a booth at the MCS's open house and meet the teacher night to provide information about Council activities.
Halloween Dance	October 30	Gym decorations for the students, including jack-o-lanterns.
Family Christmas Event	December 3	This is the second time for this event and it was as successful as the

		first! The school was full of families, music and laughter. There were a variety of activities including Christmas carols, face painting, bingo, arts and crafts and a raffle/silent auction. Grad 8 students sold food to support their graduation activities.
Team Uniforms	January, March	MCS team shorts were purchased as well as one full set of hockey jerseys. Historically hockey jerseys have been borrowed from other teams around the region.
Spirit Wear	January	38 MCS hoodies and t-shirts were purchased by staff, children and parents.
Pancake Tuesday	February 9	Council supported staff in serving pancakes and juice to all students.
Barrie Colts	March 3	84 individuals from MCS attended the Barrie Colts vs. Ottawa 67s hockey game.
Teacher Appreciation Lunch	June 19	Council provided lunch to the MCS staff on behalf of our MCS families to thank them for their dedication to the school and our children. Special thanks to Meredith Catallo for coordinating this event.
Council Meetings	Monthly	Council had 7 meetings over the 2015/16 calendar year. All were well attended with approximately 8-10 members present at most meetings.
MCS on Twitter	Ongoing	MCS joined twitter! Special thanks to Lance Triskle for setting this up, sending tweets and teaching the MCS staff about twitter.
Staff Appreciation	Ongoing	At Christmas and year-end a small token of appreciation was provided to the school custodians for their support during Council events. Recognition was also provided to the Administrative Assistants on Administrative Assistant day.
Nurturing God's Family <i>Focus: Giving Back to Our Community</i>		
Christmas Cheer	December	Donation to MCS to support families in need over the holidays.
Angel Fund	December	All funds generated from the December 3 Christmas Family Night Bake Sale were returned to the MCS Angel Fund to support students in need.
Barrie Colts	March 3	With revenue generated from MCS ticket sales, 12 additional tickets were purchased to support some MCS families to attend the game.
Coffee Sunday	April 17	MCS hosted Coffee Sunday at St.Mary's Church after the 8am and 10am masses. Families donated baked goods and student art was hung around the hall. Thanks to all those that donated and to those that came out to help. As usual, great feedback from parishioners!
Spring Yard Clean-Up	May 28	MCS staff and families joined together to clean the school gardens and property.

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

This year Council did one big fundraising event and a few smaller optional events. Our goal was to make more technology available in each of our classrooms.

- **Chocolate Bar Sales** – This was the main fundraising event for 2015/16. Each family at least one box of chocolate bars in September and many took more than one. Council would like to thank all the MCS families for their amazing support. Together, we raised over \$7,000 to support MCS activities. Over half of these funds were used to purchase new technology for every classroom. Council would like to recognize Christine Perri for her leadership and time on this project!
- **Raffle/Silent Auction** – As a fundraising initiative in December, a Raffle/Silent Auction was held during the Family Christmas Event. All items were donated by our MCS families and community.

- **Bake Sale** – Held during the Family Christmas Event, all funds raised were donated to the MCS Angel Fund. Special thanks to Virginia Formoso and Mirella Latour for their leadership!
- **Spirit Wear** – The sale of MCS hoodies and t-shirts is never intended to make money but a profit was made this year because of price adjustments that occurred after purchase.
- **Barrie Colts** – Six dollars from each ticket sold by MCS for the March 3 game was returned to the school as part of a Scotiabank fundraising initiative. We used half of our funds to purchase additional tickets to support some MCS families to attend.
- **QSP Magazine Sales** – This is an ongoing MCS initiative. This year over \$500 was raised through QSP magazine subscription renewals. We recognize that a large portion of these renewals are from the Turanno family. We would like to thank them for their ongoing support over the years!

Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO-Grant)

Through the successful 2014/15 Council ProGrant application, \$1000 was available to Council to support activities this year, including the yogurt bar at the Family Christmas Event and the spring Healthy Minds & Healthy Bodies event. An application was sent to the Ministry of Education in June 2016 for funding for next year. Money will be used in spring 2017 to build math skills through a Family Game Night.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Council developed and regularly reviewed a budget throughout the year. In total \$9,495 was raised through fundraising events this year, an increase of 112% over last year's fundraising efforts. Thank you to all MCS families and staff for your support! Council expenses amounted to \$11,591.85. The final balance of the Council at the end of 2015/16 school year was \$3,480.29 which will carry forward to support 2016/17 activities.

2015/16 Summary	
Opening Balance	\$5,576.74
Total Revenues	\$9,495.40
Total Expenses	\$11,591.85
YEAR-END BALANCE	\$3,480.29

REVENUES	
Chocolate Bar Fundraiser	\$7,214.65
Christmas Bake Sale	\$244.24
Christmas Raffle/ Silent Auction	\$679.50
Spirit Wear	\$506.80
Barrie Colts	\$344.00
QSP Magazine Sales	\$516.21
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,495.40

EXPENSES	
Scientists in the Classroom	\$1000.00
McLaren Art Van-Go Program	\$1818.50
Playground Toys	\$411.85
Hockey Jerseys	\$543.76
Schoolyard Line Painting	\$1900.00
Technology	\$4273.71
Staff Appreciation	\$253.87
Graduation Donation	\$500.00
MCS Angel Fund Donation	\$244.24
Christmas Cheer Donation	\$100.00
Buses for Year-End Mass	\$300.00
Council Miscellaneous	\$245.92
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,591.85

2016/17 COUNCIL PLANNING

In May 2016 Council sent a survey (via Survey Monkey) via email to MCS families. We wanted to get feedback about 2015/16 Council work and gather input to inform 2016/17 Council planning. From the results of this survey a draft calendar has been made that will be brought forward at the September Council meeting. Of note, a decision was made at the June 2016 Council meeting to hold several smaller fundraising activities next year and hold a large event, like chocolate bar sales, in the next school year.

The following are some key dates to note in early 2016/17:

- First Council meeting – September 13, 2016 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- MCS Pizza-Q - September 29, 2016

2015/16 COUNCIL MEMBERS & MCS VOLUNTEERS

The Council would like to start by recognizing all the hard working volunteers within the MCS community. It is the families and staff that make the MCS community so great! There are regularly members of our MCS community in the school volunteering their time and energy to help with classroom activities, school trips, specific programs, school clubs and sports teams.

The Council would also like to acknowledge the passion, commitment, dedication and time contributed of the members of the 2015/16 Council:

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| • Sandra Bruno (Co-Chair) | • Karen Lavalee |
| • Louanne Kearsley (Co-Chair) | • Lisa Moore |
| • Susan Veitch (MCS Principal) | • Christine Perri |
| • Judy Cox (Teacher Representative) | • Jen St.Onge |
| • Meredith Catallo | • Lance Triskle |
| • Janine Gatherall | • Sara Triskle |
| • Sylvia Guergis | • Carolyn Walsh |
| • Mirella Latour | |

Thank You!