

J.W. Walker School Council Annual Report 2019/2020

The mandate of the J.W. Walker School Council is to work in cooperation with the school administration, teaching staff, and the parent community to support and enhance student learning. While the conditions were more difficult this year, overall the School Council had a productive year. Council members, parents, staff, and community members worked together resulting in the events that were held being exceptionally well planned and successful.

2019/20 School Council Members:

Chair: Megan Pistilli

Co-Chair:

Secretary/Treasurer: Tanya Wilson

Principal: Pegeen Keffer/Bill Daley

Vice Principal: Sonja Bodnarchuk

Teaching Rep: Nicole Renberg

Non-Teaching Rep:

Council Members: Steph Black, Jennifer Tkachyk, LaDawn Schmidt, Kendra Bodnar, Rebecca Barker, Helena Guertin, Dorian Chambers

PIC Representative- LaDawn Schmidt

Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

J. W. Walker School Council met on a regular basis to exchange information and ideas with school administration and staff representatives. Email communication was used to share and seek input on correspondence such as Board Policies under review and to help in the planning of School Council led fundraising and events. Childcare was available at all school council meetings.

The last two meetings of the year were done via Google Meets. This format was well received, and the parent council would like to discuss the possibility of having meetings remotely, especially during the winter months.

The J.W. Walker School Council raised funds to support their planned initiatives. The School Council agreed to purchase outdoor recreational equipment and outdoor toys and to purchase 2 bicycles and 2 helmets to be used as draw prizes for the school's Random Acts of Kindness Initiative. Fundraising that was completed was a spaghetti dinner fundraiser, the sale of Christmas poinsettia certificates and a Christmas concert bake sale. Due to the school closure, the annual pancake breakfast had to be cancelled.

A Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser was held for the third year in conjunction with J. W. Walker Open House in the start of the school year. The event was very well attended. Due to the success of the event, parent council will continue to make it an annual event.

Looking ahead to the 2020/2021 school year, School Council will continue to fund any needed playground equipment, prizes for school kindness initiatives, and support school/community linked events.