

J.W. Walker School Council Annual Report 2021/2022

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. Due to Covid-19 procedures, all meetings were held virtually. Also due to the pandemic procedures, the activities generally hosted by the School Council such as the spaghetti supper and the pancake breakfast had to be changed in the way they were delivered. This year we hosted a take home spaghetti supper for each family so they can cook it at home to go along with the Virtual Open House. Our pancake breakfast was hosted in the school for each of the students in coordination with education week.

2021/22 School Council Members:

Secretary/Treasurer: Rotating

Principal: Sonja Bodnarchuk

Vice Principal: Lynne Avis

Teaching Rep: Nicole Renberg

Non-Teaching Rep: NA

Council Members: LaDawn Schmidt, Kendra Bodnar, Rebecca Barker, Helena Guertin,
PIC Representative- Helena Guertin

Meeting Dates:

September 21, 2021

November 9th, 2021

February 8th, 2022

April 12, 2022

April 26, 2022

June 7th, 2022

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. All meetings were held virtually through Google Meets.

The J.W. Walker School Council did not host any fundraisers this year.

The School Council agreed to purchase outdoor recreational equipment and toys such as sleds and shovels for students to use on the playground. School Council also

supported the school's Random Acts of Kindness Initiative by providing DQ cards for the monthly winners and purchasing 2 bicycles, 2 locks and 2 helmets for the final draw. School Council also provided funds to purchase a supply of mitts for those times when students do not have any.

Due to the pandemic procedures the annual spaghetti supper and pancake breakfast were able to go ahead but in a different format than previous years. For the spaghetti supper, each family received a take home bag with pasta and pasta sauce to make their own spaghetti supper at home with their family during the Virtual Open House. We were able to host the pancake breakfast for the students and staff during Education Week. Hopefully these events can be hosted in person with family in attendance in the future as they are always well attended and appreciated by the school community.

In the spring a Pro Grant was given to the School Council allowing for the creation of a Cultural Cookbook that was sent home with every family.

Looking ahead to the 2022/2023 school year, School Council will continue to fund any needed playground equipment, prizes for school kindness initiatives, and support school/community linked events. If they can, the School Council will again host the spaghetti supper and pancake breakfast.



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PRO GRANT REPORTING FORM 2021-22

School Council:	J. W. Walker
Title of Project:	Cultural Cookbook
Date(s) When Project Took Place:	May 10, 2022 Information was sent out to families asking for recipes May 13 th to June 3 rd the cookbook was created Week of June 6-10 th , it was printed.
Approximate Number of Families Involved:	Cookbooks were given out to 158 families. 42 families provided recipes for the cookbook.
Community Partners Involved? If so, please list the organizations involved:	Yes, sourced out our local Fort Frances Times to print our cookbook.
Project Description: Please provide a summary of the event and the evaluation details of the event (include feedback, numbers, and other details).	
<p>Parent Council and school administration discussed the option to have a cultural cookbook created for our school community. Students would submit their favorite recipe along with a picture if possible. Those recipes would then be divided into categories.</p> <p>42 submissions were received from our student body and complied to create the cookbook.</p>	
Themes: (please check all that apply to this project):	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addressing social inclusion and racism specifically anti-Asian, anti-Black, and anti-Indigenous discrimination and bias and other prejudices toward racialized and marginalized groups as well as inequities and systemic barriers faced by these designated groups</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creating a safe and welcoming environment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrating respect for parents as valued partners within the education system regarding decisions about their child's education</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhancing communication with teachers</p>	



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☐ Informing parents about the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum and supporting resources

Spending for the Family Night Event: (describe items purchased)		Notes:
Refreshments (cannot exceed 10% of total PRO funding): 32-725-1-926-0000 + school #	\$0	
Supplies/Resources (must be for parents/guardians, not for students): 32-415-1-926-000 + school #	\$780 \$	Fort Frances Times for printing the cookbook 32-415-1-926-000-120
Total Funding to School Council:	\$780.00	
Total Costs of Project(s):	\$780.00	
For spending over the allocated budget, please include the budget code to which the overspending can be reallocated.		

I attest that the funds expended meet the project and funding parameters for the Parents Reaching Out Grant 2021-2022, as outlined in the April 19, 2022, memo to school council chairs and principals.

Signature:


School Council Chair

Date:

June 24, 2022.