

Annual Report 2016 -17 School Year

Dear Parents and School Community:

Welcome to another great year at Collingwood Collegiate. The CCI School Council had a very productive 2016-17 year supporting the activities of our 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 of the actions taken in response to the recommendations.

The School Council monthly meetings from September 2016 to June 2017 except for the months of November, January and March. All meetings were open to the public to encourage input from parents and other members of the school community. Principal Charlene Scime or her designate attended all meetings, report on general student, school, school board and Ministry of Education news. Teacher Representation was shared by Kim Carey and Tracy Checkley who provided updates from teachers on student achievements, academic, sporting and club events. When available, a student council representative attended to provide news of student activities.

Activities of the School Council this year included:

1. Review and approval of the school fund-raising plan brought forward by the Principal Charlene Scime in October 2016.
2. Organisation, advertising and hosting of PRO Grant event open to all parents and guardians in November entitled "Building Resiliency in Our Youth" presented by Suzanne Witt-Foley. Mental health resources received from Ms. Witt-Foley was forwarded to the school to add to the on-line parent resources on school website.
3. Review options for 2017-2018 PRO Grant use and voting to bring in psychiatrist Dr. Marcia Benjamin to present "Substance Use, Abuse and Addiction". The application was submitted in May 2017.
4. Producing and compiling 460 "Welcome Kits" for Grade 9 parents. The kit includes "Save the Date" for PRO Grant event, Wellness Resource contact sheet, Top 9 Questions for Parents of Grade 9 Students, CCI Cares wallet card, brochures from P.A.D., Collingwood and Wasaga Beach information for YMCA, transit, library and trail system.
5. Distribution of Welcome Kits during summer Grade 9 orientation day.
6. Voting to approve use of annual \$500 Parent Involvement Committee grant along with additional funding from the school budget to cover printing costs for materials in the Welcome Kit.

7. Communicate news from School Council, People for Education, and SCDSB to the parent community and council members via email.

We would like to thank the parent representatives of School Council who attended meetings provided support and direction. Thank you also to our Principal, Vice-Principals and teachers for their participation and contribution at the meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tori Arrigo and May Yam', written in a cursive style.

Tori Arrigo and May Yam

2016-2017
CCI School Council Co-Chairs