

School Council Update ... *Here's what we've brought to Broadview this year!*



Our Goals: There are two main goals for School Council. One is to foster communication between parents and school staff and administration on specific issues. The other is to build community and offer enhancements to the school curriculum.



Items Purchased:

- **\$8000** Chromebooks for tech tubs in newly added classrooms. This freed up school budget to also provide levelled readers in classes that hadn't had them for several years.
- **\$6300** up to \$100 per teacher for classroom incidentals (for 63 teachers)
- **\$4000** outdoor Phys. Ed. equipment
- **\$4000** supplement to library budget
- **\$1200** new PA and speaker system for gym
- **\$4300** art & music supplies
- **\$200** robots and programming equipment
- **\$200** supplies for a Broadview Bears mural to be painted by students
- **\$1000** partnership with Ottawa Shooting Stars basketball to install height-adjustable nets in the gym (they contributed the other \$7000)



The Financials: Each year, the School Council starts with a budget made up of funds raised the previous school year. Here's how the \$66,000 fundraised last year was put to use this year, in addition to the \$35,000 that has been saved up over the last several years through the re-build for yard enhancements. Broadview's population is just shy of 1,100 students, so the \$66K meant an average of \$60 per student. With that in mind, please read on to see where the thousands of parent volunteer and staff hours, backed by the fundraised budget have been focused this year. Thank you for all of your contributions of funds, time, and participation to support all of these activities. Funds unspent this year will be pooled into the yard project fund described on the next page.



Activities Offered:

- **\$800** Teacher appreciation lunch
- **\$500** Primary & Junior Play days
- **\$2000** Grade 8 graduation
- **\$3000** Yoga workshops
- **\$7600** Dance, music (drumming), arts workshops for all grade levels
- **\$1400** Curling workshops
- **\$525** Reptiles Rock workshop



FUNdraising and Community Engagement

- **\$1300** donation to our sister school York St. PS
- **\$4500** on FUNdraising events (Welcome Back BBQ, popcorn machine & supplies, pizza supplies, movie nights, dances, Book Bonanza, etc.)
- **\$2000** Broadview families in need fund (administered at the Principal's discretion)
- Support for York St. PS: Snowsuit Drive, Holiday Hampers, Lost & Found item donation, Info sharing, Silent Auction specific item, including extra student involvement
- Scare Hunger Food Drive for local food banks, including extra student involvement
- Discussions at School Council about the School Learning Plan, issues related to Broadview's population, special learning support resources, and more



Special Project: The YARD

The yard improvement committee has worked hard this year to consult with school board reps, other schools and Broadview staff to explore the best options for optimising the yard space we have. We

currently have **\$40K** saved over several years that will be put to the first phases of a 3-5 year plan. Based on the results of a teacher survey, the first \$20,000 will be spent on the following items between now and September. Let the improvements begin!

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Between now and this September!

- **Kinder Yard:** replenish shed with shovels, sand toys, balls, etc., painted games on the pavement, outdoor chalk board, plus a corner with boulders and mulch in the Dovercourt @ Broadview corner
- **Primary/Junior Yard:** replenish classes' outdoor sports bags (e.g. balls), add snow shovels, other snow toys, skipping ropes, etc. also to be available at recess by sign-out, painted games on pavement/walls, consulting with the company that built the school to confirm if they will repair the area under the tree on the hill in the middle of the yard and large planter in the courtyard where saplings have died
- **Intermediate Yard:** replace netting on basketball hoops, replenish classes' outdoor sports bags (e.g. balls), painted games on pavement & walls, add distance markers on running track around soccer field, add benches/boulders along fence or under trees
- **Eco Club:** funds will be provided for seedlings, garden equipment. Possible butterfly garden, shrubs, etc.



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Possible options for Phase 2 - extensive fundraising and consultation to start this fall:

- **JK/SK** - Playmound with Synthetic Turf and Slide (\$28K) – can be used in winter!; Log benches and Stump Seats (\$10K)
- **Primary** - Natural Playground (\$40-50K); Fix Primary play yard area's grass
- **Primary/Junior/Intermediate** - Storage Shed (losing indoor storage on stage)

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Possible options for Phase 3: Large Projects Outdoor Classroom (\$50-70K); Boulder stadium seating for class use (\$30K); More trees

I want in! *How to be a part of the yard project*

We will be seeking **donations** of gardening tools and pots, pans, wooden spoons, spatulas for outdoor kitchens. Please also keep your eye out for **volunteer call-outs** (by email and on Facebook) as we'll need help sorting & labelling new supplies, stenciling on new pavement paint, etc. There will be lots of opportunities to help out with this first, very exciting phase of sprucing up the yard. There will also be important discussions at the June council meeting and again in September and October.



Did you know? ... Council has put in new measures this year to enhance teacher input into Council's activities and contributions. We've got a greater number of staff representatives who attend and feed into council meetings, and do lots of back & forth through surveys and emails. This means we're more closely aligned with the curriculum and teachers' needs, and also helps make sure the calendar of activities is as spread out as possible in the year. Special thank you to the teachers and other staff who have made all of this possible!

What's coming up: *Calendar of events from here to the end of the school year:*



Wed, May 29 ...	Family Dance
Tues, June 4 ...	Volunteer Breakfast for all who have helped out in classrooms, at school council events, or anywhere in the school. Join us at 8:30am in the school library
Wed, June 5 ...	Staff Appreciation Lunch - volunteers needed! https://signup.com/go/MckOevR
Fri, June 7 ...	Popcorn Sale - First Friday of the month
Tue, June 11 ...	Final School Council meeting of the year 7pm in the school library - please come out to partake in planning for next school year (how to approach spending, goals for the year, more discussion on projects in the yard, etc.)
Tues, June 18 ...	Primary Play Day (rain date June 20)
Wed, June 19 ...	Junior Play Day (rain date June 21)



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