

BPS School Council Report 2019-2020



To say this was an unprecedented year would be an understatement. Despite these extraordinary times, this year's School Council managed to accomplish a lot during this school year. Here is a snapshot of 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.

Financials

Although School Council had a \$125,000 budget to spend this year, due to unforeseen circumstances only a third of that was used. Unspent funds from this year will be pooled into next year's budget. This is an anomaly. Typically, at the beginning of the school year, School Council, in collaboration with the school administration and teachers, plans how best to support the needs of the school community, determines the cost of the initiatives/activities and is accountable for spending all funds raised as planned. However, there is an exception where there is a need to accumulate funds for big initiatives/projects like the yard.

Where did the \$125K budget come from? It was made up of \$77K of fundraising from the 2018/19 school year combined with \$48,000 saved up over the last several years through the re-build for yard enhancements.

Here is how the School Council funds were spent this year:

Category	Spending
Broadview Cares	\$5,200
Teacher reimbursements (up to \$100 per teacher for classroom incidentals)	\$3,100
Library books	\$2,200
Grade 8 grad lawn signs	\$1,000
Healthy Active Living initiatives	\$5,900
Arts initiatives	\$1,700
Science, math, tech initiatives	\$1,300
Leaning For All Initiatives	\$5,200
Yard Improvement	\$14,600
Miscellaneous (field trips, club support, school community well-being & achievement, etc.)	\$1,700
Total	\$41,900

FUNdraising Committee

The FUNdraising Committee had a busy start to the year. Again, due to unforeseen circumstances, they were unable to hold many of the events scheduled for the latter half of the year, such as the Family Dance, Dance-A-Thon, and Book Bonanza. Here is a breakdown of the funds raised this year:

Category	Funds raised
Welcome Back Broadview	\$4,400
Lunch programs (pizza and Freshii)	\$30,000
Movie Nights, popcorn and bake sales	\$3,200
Corporate sponsorships	\$4,500
Yard campaign - corporate sponsorships	\$11,500
Yard campaign – individual donations	\$7,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,600
Total	\$62,200

Broadview's population is close to 1035 students, so the \$62K meant an average of almost \$60 per student. Based on the cost determined for the various initiatives for this school year, School Council set a corresponding fundraising target with the intention that any excess funds received would be used to offset costs of events like the family dance to make them free for everyone. Despite the unexpected end to the school year, the Broadview School Community was still able to achieve the fundraising target.

Arts Committee

The Arts Committee Co-funded dance workshops for the primary grades and junior grades. For kindergarteners, the committee purchased musical instruments called « Boomwhackers ».

The committee worked closely with teachers to identify opportunities to bring arts learning opportunities together with Indigenous arts and culture. The kinders and primary grades had planned to bring in hoop dancing workshops with Hoops and Harmony through MASC but unfortunately these were cancelled due to COVID.

Community Engagement Committee

The "Broadview Cares" initiative was created to provide support for Broadview families in need, as well as to assist and enhance the educational experience of the students at our partner school, York St Public School. Here is a breakdown of the accomplishments of our Community Engagement committee/Broadview Cares.

Broadview Cares: 5% of \$66,191 = \$3,309.55

- \$2,000 for Broadview student needs (disseminated at school's administration's discretion)
- \$1,309.55 for our partner school, York Street PS
 - In addition, direct parent donations to York Street PS from the Feb 2019 Silent Auction = \$550 + Spring 2019 family dance profits over \$1,300 = Total cheque \$3161

Activities

- York Street School Partnership
 - Met with Principal & VP
 - Met with Council
 - Assisted at Movie night
 - Donated a popcorn machine
 - Library Scholastic credits
 - Clothing donation room organization
 - Broadview community member donation for 5 chromebooks + tech tub
 - December Holiday Drive
 - Puppet Troupe performance
- Other activities
 - October Scare Hunger campaign
 - November Winter Clothing Drive (York Street and other schools)
 - Plan for Broadview-York St team for Ottawa Race Weekend (with Healthy Active Living Committee - event cancelled)

Healthy Active Living Committee

Activities Offered:

- Kinders - Little Soul Yoga (all classes)
- Primary - Mindfulness Rocks (9 classes) and Luv to Groove (all classes)*
- Juniors - Luv to Groove (all classes)* and R U Nuts (all classes)
- Intermediate - R U Nuts (all classes)

*dance co-funded by ARTS committee

Learning Support Awareness Committee

The new Learning Support Committee has been busy this Fall working with teachers to improve support for students with learning exceptionalities and the teachers working with those students as well as promoting a more inclusive, integrated and "learning for all" approach at Broadview.

- One very highly visible initiative that the Committee organized early in the school year was inviting the Queen of Kindness to initiate a Kinder Kindness Program. The Queen of Kindness was incredibly well received resulting in close to 400 acts of kindness by our youngest students.
- Another visible initiative supported by the Committee was the "Don't Walk in the Hallway" program. This program works to promote healthy learning environments by encouraging physical activity to activate student learning. The committee purchased a starter kit of hallway decals and resource cards for each division.
- The Committee also solicited requests from all teachers on learning support materials for their classrooms to encourage a successful learning environment. Materials (such as headphones, timers, fidget bands and a variety

of seating options) have already started to appear in classrooms. The Kinders have already created six quiet areas and similar quiet spaces and body break areas are being organized throughout the school.

Yard Improvement & Greening Committee

The Yard Improvement and Greening Committee works with staff and the school board to enhance the yard in a way that boosts enjoyment and utility of the yard.

The Committee completed a number of initiatives for this school year:

- 41 Recess Equipment Bags to Homerooms
- Purchased and Filled 2 new DPA bins with equipment for Junior and Intermediate Doors
- Restocked equipment in Primary DPA bin and Kinder shed.
- Aeration of all fields by the Board
- 16 Tree Gator Bags, Compost & Mulch purchased.
- Gator bags filled each week until mid October to help save small trees.
- 150 "Liberation75" Tulips Planted
- Kinder Outdoor Exploratory Wagons and Materials
- Kinder Sandboxes Fixed and Filled by the Board
- Primary/Junior 3 Hoop Basketball Net purchased
- Outdoor Chalkboard on Kinder Shed installed
- Winter Shovels and equipment for each Homeroom
- 7 New Trees through the City of Ottawa Tree Grant (postponed until the Fall)
- New Basketball netting for Intermediate Court (postponed until the Fall)
- Grass seeded all yards before the grounds were locked in May 2020

Special Yard Campaign

Thank you Broadview Community for generously contributing to the Yard Campaign! With your help we raised almost \$20,000 which will go directly towards improving the yard for our kids. Thank you!

With funds raised we hope to obtain:

- Primary All Season play structure
- Tree Protection and Seating in the Primary/Junior Yard and/or
- Build Kinder Outdoor seating in front of the Outdoor Chalkboard

- BPS School Council

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