

BPS School Council Report

2020-2021



This was an unprecedented year where we (along with the rest of the world) had to adapt to new ways of doing things. Despite the challenges and restrictions, we were able to provide our support by contributing to online workshops, and purchasing library books and reading subscriptions, among a few other things. Here is a snapshot of what the School Council brought to Broadview in the 2020 - 2021 school year.

Our Goals: There are two main goals for our 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

Since this year was another unusual one, School Council took a different approach to the budgeting process. Rather than approve a budget at the beginning of the school year, decisions about spending were made on a monthly basis as needs arose.

School Council began the year with \$135,400 carried forward from the previous school year and added an additional \$12,300 of fundraising. A total of \$80,800 was spent, leaving \$66,900 to carry forward to the 2021-2022 school year.

Here are the results of the FUNdraising activities this year:

Category	Funds raised
Equator Coffee fundraiser	\$2,820
Miscellaneous	\$1,010
Yard campaign	\$8,500
Total	\$12,330

We want to thank everyone who contributed to our Holiday and Spring Equator Coffee fundraising events. As we look toward next year, we hope that we will be able to bring to you some of Broadview's much-loved and missed fundraising events.

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

Category	Spending
Broadview Cares	\$4,000
Library books	\$3,850
Miscellaneous (administration costs, recess.DPA bags, staff appreciation)	\$910
On-line reading subscriptions	\$4,140
Speaker	\$1,400
Teacher reimbursements (up to \$100 per teacher for classroom incidentals)	\$3,450
Virtual workshops	\$5,670
Yard Improvement *	\$57,420
Total	\$80,840

- ★ The total committed to be spent on the yard improvement for 2020/21 is \$76,020. \$420 of miscellaneous expenses incurred throughout the year + \$57,000 spent in June + \$6,955 of yard fundraising held by the school + \$10,640 committed in June to be paid in September 2021.

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 \$80,000 = \$4,000

- \$2,000 for Broadview student needs (disseminated at school's administration's discretion)
- \$2,000 for our partner school, York Street PS

Activities

- York Street School Partnership

- Outreach to York Street Parent Council (Broadview Principal reached out to York Street Principal)
- December Holiday Drive (gift cards & new books)

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:

- 7 new trees were planted in the Fall of 2021 through the City of Ottawa tree Grant. We also replenished the mulch around all 23 smaller trees in the yard.
- Completed our spring/summer weekly tree watering plan as agreed to through our City of Ottawa tree grant.
- Purchased winter toys and shovels for all primary and junior classrooms.
- 2 more boulders added to the 4 boulders in the kinder-yard so that an entire class can sit.
- A new accessible kinder outdoor classroom in front of the outdoor chalkboard (boulders, long log bench, accessible path, mulch, sod).
- A new outdoor kitchen for the kinder-yard.
- In the primary/junior area, a retaining wall/bench, 5 boulders and mulch have been added. This is to help the growth of the large tree and other smaller trees on the mound where grass was unable to grow, to reduce the amount of erosion across the pavement where primary students line up, and to provide an area for primary/junior classes to sit under the tree in the shade.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to the tree watering program in the spring/summer. The trees are looking better than ever! We will be continuing this watering program for 2 more years minimum so, if you are interested, we are happy to have any new parents help in spring of 2022!

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