
WOM SCHOOL COUNCIL YEAREND REPORT FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR



September 2011

WHAT WAS NEW?

WOM Council developed a budget, operating policies and priorities for the coming year. We continued to inform parents about our E-notification and volunteer database. This database was created as a way to provide paperless information to parents. This coming 2011/12 school year, School Council will now be shifting to a greener practice and sending information to parents via this database. Paper copies will be available in the office to pickup for parents who wish to still get information this way. The database will also help us organize all our council volunteers and let them know of any upcoming events where volunteers are needed.

We have continued to keep our Council website up to date and this year linked our website to the new WOM inclusive education website <http://iewom.wordpress.com/> and the W.O. Mitchell website created by his son Orm Mitchell <http://www.womitchell.ca/>. The website is a great tool for parents to visit and learn about Council activities, events and resources for WOM parents.

WOM COUNCIL VISION is to contribute to the process of education in a meaningful way by working with students, parents, teachers, the school administration, the Board, Board Trustees and the community in an advisory capacity to help ensure that the students of W.O. Mitchell have a safe and healthy learning environment and the best education possible so they may have the skills, knowledge and opportunities to attain their potential.

We continued to run our successful lunch programs as hot lunch options for WOM students and staff.

A highly successful, non-competitive magazine subscription fundraiser was organized that raised \$2248 in support of enhancing programs at WOM and which resulted in prizes that were included in the free raffle at our annual, yearend WOMFEST celebration.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

WOM Council Financial summary for 2010-2011	
Opening balance of each bank account, investments and cash on August 1, 2010	\$4630.90
The amount raised by school council during August 1, 2010 and July 31, 2011	\$52660.39
The amount spent by school council during August 1, 2010 and July 31, 2011	\$45406.37
Closing balance of bank accounts, investments and cash on July 31, 2011	\$10384.92

MEMBERS

Name	Position	Name	Position
Liz Desjardins	Chair	Susan Wehrmann	Vice Chair
Richenda Saker	Treasurer	Tara Lee Forsyth	WOMFEST Coordinator
Wanda Halverson	Secretary	vacant	Art Appreciation Coordinator
Melanie Stacey	Newsletter Editor	Kathy Elderfield	Special Fundraising Coordinator
Craig Honegger	Webmaster	Loreen Irvine	Green committee coordinator
Philippe Khalife	E-notification and Volunteer Coordinator	Vacant	OCASC Representative
Linda Paul	Lunch Program Coordinator	Louise Roy Govin Varadarajan Box Zou	Members at Large
Brenda Verch	Craft fair coordinator	Jillian Bell Dylan Smith	Teacher Representatives
Trent Taniguchi	Vice Principal	David Hogg	Principal

ACTIVITIES

In addition to the activities already highlighted, the WOM School Council also carried out the following:

- Established a new Council that had some new members.
- Organized and held monthly meetings, and prepared and published the related agendas and minutes.
- Prepared and published a monthly newsletter, maintained a Council bulletin board at the school and maintained and consistently updated our Council website.
- Raised \$52,660.39 in funds that were allocated in support of resources for the WOM teaching teams, School Improvement Plan, literacy, numerous extra-curricular activities, teacher appreciation luncheon, Grade 8 graduation, and water for the portables, installation of basketball nets, WOMFEST, and Crystal Bay School.

WOM COUNCIL FUNDRAISING POLICY is to raise funds in a non-competitive manner by offering services to WOM students and staff that allow for profits to be made that will benefit the school, education and/or the community as described in the Council's Contributions Policy. The Council's lunch program is a good example of the Council's fundraising philosophy. This program offers a variety of food choices each week to WOM students and staff, and the Council retains a small profit from each food order.

- Organized and delivered a variety of lunches to hundreds of WOM students per week. Lunches were available from Dominos Pizza, Quiznos Subs, and The Lunch Lady.
 - Teamed up with Bridlewood home hardware. BHH will give WOM SC 3% of pretax purchases made from WOM families
 - Teamed up with Roch Carriere P.S. to allow parents from our sister school to borrow books from our parent resource library.
 - Helped out with the school Winter Olympics by supplying and handing out hot chocolate to WOM students.
 - Organized and ran the 11th Annual Fall Craft Fair and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 20th with over 35 local crafters participating! There was also a silent auction, bake sale, used book sale, a canteen with Dominos Pizza and other items, door prizes, and a supervised kid's corner with movies and activities. Many staff members, families and members of our community came out to the event. The event raised \$4007 in support of enhancing student achievement at WOM.
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- Continued to promote the reduced litter lunch initiative in hopes of raising awareness on reducing the amount of litter packed in school lunches. For the second year in a row, we ran our earth week challenge with 4 days of challenges. Eat green, drink green, go green, and wear green promoting the reduced litter lunches as well as other ways to be earth friendly.
 - Organized the WOM Staff Appreciation luncheon.
 - Organized and ran WOMFEST, a fun-filled, yearend family event that celebrates our fine school and a favorite of WOM students. WOMFEST was a huge success and hundreds of local families turned out to enjoy the games and food. WOMFest featured a craft corner, tattoo and nail polish table, Ottawa police booth, The Bridlewood Community Association booth, and free carnival features, which included games such as the bungee run, obstacle course, leap frog, toilet toss game, and bean bag toss game. Many WOM staff members and WOM parents took part in being dunked in the dunk tank, many students participated in the talent showcase and the BBQ and other treats and snacks were very popular.
 - Represented WOM in school council forums for Kanata
 - Supported the Snow hawks ski program for winter 2011 by distributing and collecting permission forms, storing the ski equipment during the school day and helping get parent volunteers.

HOW DID THE WOM TEAMS SPEND THEIR COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS?

WOM School Council has for many years now adopted a policy whereby WOM Administrative Teams receive lump sums of money for which they are able to spend as desired providing they follow the Council's Contribution Policy. They must also follow the guidelines for the acceptable use of funds. These guidelines can be found in the Council's Budget and Operating Policies document that can be found on the Council website.

WOM Teams are required to report back to Council as to how they have spent their contributions.

WOM COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY is to expend work effort and distribute School Council funds in a responsible manner that promotes and enhances student achievement at WOM and which benefits the school, education and/or the community. Decisions must be balanced in terms of ensuring that the diversity of WOM student interests and ages, and the diversity of the many influences that impact on student achievement are considered. Council funds are made available from the profits obtained from a variety of fundraising activities sponsored by the Council. All Council funds must be used for their intended purpose.

Presented below are the purchases for each Team:

Kindergarten Team

- Performance by Yaki (Children’s musician/entertainer)
- Humane Society Presentation
- Children stories with CD’s for listening center in EFI SK
- Early literacy kit- leveled reading stories for regular kindergarten
- Replacement of broken toys

Primary Team

- Writing program for grades 1-3
- French leveled readers

Junior Team

- Hip hop dance workshops
- Teaching resources for science and social studies(in French)

Intermediate Team

- Science equipment
- Videos and teaching resources for English and history
- French literacy series

Music

- Set of Yorkville E10 loudspeakers

Special Education

- Three sets of high interest/low vocabulary books

Core French

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- Have remaining balance of \$911.24 and will meet to investigate potential resources to supplement existing programming.

Phys Ed (Gym)

- Replacement of basketballs, stopwatches, softballs, badminton birds, badminton nets
- Hip hop workshops
- Remaining funds will be used to replace a tent frame that is broken

Developmentally Delayed Class

- Subsidize bussing for field trips to Olympia gymnastics, experimental farm, Gloucester fair and Crystal Bay Sports Day
- Replace small toys
- Subsidize cooking program

HOW WERE THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS SPENT?

The School Improvement plan contributions were spent on replacing basket ball nets, a laminator, blinds for the portables, curtains for the stage and painting of the lines on the school yard

HOW WERE THE COUNCIL DIRECTIVE SPENDING OR SPECIAL REQUEST CONTRIBUTIONS SPENT?

This year's contributions were spent in support of the following:

- Beauty and the Beast Musical
- Ottawa Fury Soccer Clinic
- Hot Chocolate for winter Olympics
- Intermediate Peer Mediation Training
- Anxiety training
- JK to Starr Gymnastics

HOW WAS THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT GRANT USED?

The parent involvement grant is given to Council to help support parental involvement and communication. This year council used part of their grant to offer a trophy for the volunteer appreciation award. There are still available funds from this grant which will be used to support parent involvement in the 2011-12 school year.

PARENT REACHING OUT GRANT

Council received a \$1000 Parent reaching out grant from the Ministry of Education that was used to host 3 education seminars for parents on anxiety, cyber bullying and internet safety and nutrition and body image. The funds were spent on guest speakers, and books to add to the resource library on those topics. The events were successfully attended and many parents were pleased with the seminars. More seminars will be looked at for the 2011/12 school year.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The 2010-11 School Council members are proud of all the work that was accomplished during this school year. We worked as a team with WOM parents, students, school administration and staff. None of our activities and events would have been possible without the combined efforts and participation of all these groups.

Sincere thanks to all who supported the WOM School Council programs, fundraising activities, and events. As well, a huge thank you goes out to those who generously volunteered their time to help make it all happen.

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