Governing Board Annual Report
2015-16

Our Lady of Pompei School Elementary School
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Chairperson's message:

The governing board of OLOP has over the past years been a very dynamic and proactive group and many positive initiatives were undertaken and successfully completed in 2015-16.

There was a good interaction between the members and all worked amicably towards the primary objective of improving school life and the quality of our children's education. Meetings were well attended overall.

As in previous reports, we continue to emphasize the importance of an equitable participation of all members in the efforts, undertakings, activities and services provided to our school, as well as the benefit provided by different individual's experiences and inputs.

As such I encourage any and all future members to participate actively and take the role and responsibility of being on the Governing Board as an important undertaking and understand that they have a significant direct and indirect impact on the future of this school
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Chair, OLOP GB

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Activities, Programs, Services and Issues and Actions Taken

- Sugar Camp family outing
- After School Activity Program (activities deriving from Base)
- Halloween Day/Event
- Continued and active involvement from the PPO
- Christmas activity Day
- Technology plan phase III (through Fund 3)
- End of year BBQ
- Pasta Dinner Fundraiser
- Chocolate Fundraiser
- Movie Night Fundraiser

In addition to the above, through the combined efforts of the teachers, support staff, administration, dynamic daycare staff and parents there were countless other events, projects and activities throughout the school year. Below is a non-comprehensive list of some of the undertakings:

- Welcome Back Day
- Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
- Open House
- Remembrance Day
- John F. Kennedy High School Visit
- OLOP Impact Night
- Book Fair
- Spring Concert
- Carnival Day (Skating at Ahuntsic arena and Tobogganing at Parc des Hirondelles)
- School Dance Night
- Arctic Hockey Game
- Vaccination
- Yearbook
- Storytelling Festival
- Zumbathon Fundraiser
- Various fundraising activities (dress down day, sale of frozen yogurt)

As well as countless field trips offered to all grade levels:

- Daycare Day at the Movies
- Earth Rangers
- Basketball Play Day at JFK
- Visit of Montreal Alouettes Player
- Flag Football
- Goldirocks Play
- Robot-Techno Polytechnique
- Musee Margeuerite Bourgeoys
- Musee des Beaux Arts
- Pointe a Callière
- Bois de Boulogne
- Cosmodome in Laval
- Chateau Ramezay Field Trip
- IMAX
- Camp Boute en Train
- Cross Country Skiing
- Halo Race
- Book fair
- Fun Day at OLOP
- Robotics Competition

Sub-Committees and their Mandates:

1. An OLOP marketing committee was established to help promote the visibility in the community and encourage enrollment.
2. An OLOP fundraising committee through the PPO continued to promote fund raising that will allow for future school improvement projects and continued social activities.
3. An OLOP graduation committee whose purpose was to plan and execute that special night of where our departing graduates say good-bye to their friends both young and old.

Informing the School Community:

Various methods were utilized over the course of the year, including regular newsletters and special fliers. The administration utilized the school's website to provide a variety of valuable information about our school, staff, activities, educational programs and overall progress.

Recommendations:

New members joining the board should clearly understand the functioning of a governing board, the responsibilities it involves and the individual resources invested over the course of a year. Candidates who wish to be considered, should be explained what is involved in a constructive and informative manner and as such be better prepared for the year to come.

In order to be able to complete the predetermined agenda items and governance responsibilities and still have the ability to introduce academic and social programs, the governing board should rely more heavily on a network of sub-committees, P.P.O. and parent volunteers.

I would strongly recommend that all PPO planned activities and fundraisers be presented at the beginning of the school calendar year to the Governing Board with a forecast of the budget items in order to cover the costs of the activities. Furthermore, all fundraising activities should have a forecast of potential revenues. Outlining the potential revenues and all cost would enable future governing boards to clearly understand the financial and cost implications of moving forward with outlined activities.

I would like to extend a special thank you to or school principal for his commitment and leadership, all of our school's teachers, as well as the daycare and support staff for all their efforts and hard work this past year in helping to make the overall school environment a pleasant and happy place for all. Finally, I would like to personally extend our gratitude on behalf of the governing board and parents to the PPO for their relentless efforts in coordinating and organizing special activities, fundraisers for the benefit of all our children and parents of Our Lady of Pompei.