

OCTOBER 2024

Chair Report

Update from the School Community Council



SUPPORTING LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND ENHANCING SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Davison School Community Council (SCC) is a dedicated group of parents who serve as an advisory body for the school. Among other things, the SCC plans family events to strengthen the school community, fundraising activities to support school projects and initiatives that supports the school's learning improvement plan. One of the purposes of the SCC is to encourage and facilitate parents and community engagement in school planning and improvement process.

To support the school's improvement goal centred on *Belonging*, the 2023-2024 SCC put a lot of effort into bringing the inclusive outdoor pathway to life. This all-access, inclusive pathway ensures that all students, regardless of limitations, can participate in playground fun. Working alongside GSSD Facilities, we are excited to share that we successfully installed a 8 foot by 120 foot pathway leading directly to the wheelchair accessible picnic table. (*Continued...*)

Last Year's Highlights

New grill for school events

All-access pathway installed

Welcome signs

Promoting engagement and event

SCC Award

Staff appreciation



Davison SCC



Fundraising efforts throughout 2023-2024 were focused to raise the over \$10,000 needed to support the construction of the pathway. We are grateful for all the donors who helped make this project a success, including Painted Hand Community Development, TF Concrete and Construction, E&H Redi Mix, Melville Home Hardware and of course our hardworking SCC members.

SUPPORTING SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS

The Davison SCC continues to collaborate with parents, educators and administrators to enhance the learning environment of all children. While events in 2023-2024 were limited due to ongoing teacher negotiations, we were still able to support several school events, including the Meet the Family Backpack Night and Cookies the Musical, and Track and Field. Funds raised from these events support ongoing school programs, like the Breakfast Club. The breakfast program is open to all students. Annually it costs approximately \$4000 to provide breakfast, ensuring all students can start their day focused and full. So every dollar counts!



FUNDRAISING INCLUDING:

- Cookie and milk sale
- Mitchell's Soups sale
- Canteens
- Grant writing
- Hot lunches
- 50/50 Raffle





SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH FOOD BASKETS

We know food insecurity doesn't just impact students during breakfast. The SCC hosted a food drive and randomly selected winners of food baskets. Students collected over 615 items for the baskets making for some wonderful parcels to send home to 20 different families.



FUNDRAISING SUPPORTED:

- Achievement prize for SCC Award
- Grinch's Lunch Supplies
- Cash donation to offset school supply costs and breakfast club donation
- Meals for teachers during student led conferences and staff appreciation gifts
- Welcome signs
- All-access, inclusive walkway





COLLABORATING WITH PARENTS, EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Thank you to the 2023-2024 SCC:

Chair: Kendra Stav

Vice-Chair: Melissa Lummerding

Treasurer: Stacey Waschenfelder

Secretary: Esther Garlock

Members at Large: Rena Leier, Nicole LaVallee, Kathy Unterschute, Carma Cechanowicz, Jill Schick, Karen Durham

We will continue to collaborate with parents, educators and administrators to enhance the learning environment of all children. Any parents or community members looking to make a difference for the students at Davison Elementary School are welcome to attend any of our monthly, access meeting minutes on the school's website or follow the SCC on Facebook for latest announcements. It takes a community - and this SCC is looking for your help. Not interested in joining the board but still want to help? Sign up on our volunteer phone list and the SCC will reach out when needed. If you have questions about the initiatives of this board, please reach out to any SCC member or email davisonssc1@gmail.com

New Welcome Signs

