

Trillium Elementary School Council (TESC)

Chair's report – 2016-17

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TESC's main fund raising focus this past year was to raise money to replace the Kindergarten Play Structure. Over the last few years we have been building our fund through many events. Trillium families have been generous with each event. In 2016-17, we raised approximately \$11,000 towards our goal of \$50,000. To date, we have raised a total of \$32,000. Fundraising activities included: Scholastic Book Fairs, Dance-a-thon, Basket raffle, QSP Magazine and Cookie Dough Sales, Little Caesar's pizza fundraiser, among others.

Along with raising money for the Kinder Play Structure, TESC also provided funding for other initiatives in the school, including providing a classroom start up fund, supporting Scientists in School in the classrooms, providing magazine subscriptions to our library and supporting the Grade 8 leaving ceremony. These additional activities were funded through our Lunch Lady and hot lunch programs as well as the funding provided by OCDSB for council start up.

In addition to fundraising activities, other activities were organized whose primary purpose was to provide opportunities to families to have fun social events at the school. We started off the school year with a fun Meet the Teacher evening where TESC brought in food trucks and a bouncy castle for Trillium families to enjoy. We also held two movie nights and a Valentine's dinner and dance.

Communication to Trillium families of activities and other key issues was done through various avenues, including backpack mailers through the classroom, Council section of the Trillium monthly newsletter and on the TESC website (www.tesc.ca).

Monthly council meetings were held, with participation from school administration (Principal and Vice-Principal), teacher representatives, community representative and parents. At the end of the school year, plans were put in place for the activities that Council proposed for 2017-18.