

George O'Neill Public School – School Council

2007/2008 Annual Report

OUR VISION

George O'Neill Public School is a safe, caring environment where we all
AIM high, LEARN together and ACHIEVE success.

Chair person: Bernadette Langthorne
Secretary: Kellie Wrigley (teacher rep)
Non-teaching Rep: Jen Johnson

Parent Members: Michelle Bird, Pollyanna Bird
Seanna Brennen, Phil Couture
Stephen Mangoff, Roxanne Marceau
Pauline Osala

Synopsis of Activity 2007/2008 School Year

During the course of the year our council met on a regular basis. The following is a brief outline of the events and issues we dealt with.

1. Renovations
It was a difficult start to the school year; we were very concerned about the progress of the renovations, however we would like to take this opportunity to once again praise the efforts of the staff during this time.
2. Bill 212: The Code of Conduct
Bruce Eisner of ISNC and Cathy Pelletier from North of Superior Programs accepted an invitation to a school council meeting. Bruce and Cathy gave an excellent presentation about their services but the end message was that we are in an under serviced area and it may be difficult to get help for those involved in progressive discipline as required under the new code of conduct.
3. School Council constitution review
4. Grand Re-opening
This was well attended; community members as well as former students and staff joined us for this milestone event. We applaud the board for going forward with the project in light of the current economic situation in Nipigon.
5. PRO Grant
We applied for a received funding for our event. We planned a free spaghetti supper to be followed by workshops for the parents and crafts for the children. We are very pleased with the turn out for this event. Thanks to Kellie Wrigley for her work on the application.
6. Sub Committees
Breakfast Program- once again this year the breakfast program was well attended. Thanks to the parent volunteers and staff for making this a success.

Parent Involvement Committee: Bernadette Langthorne – GONPS rep

I think this was a beneficial committee, it is good to hear from other councils what was successful for them and to get ideas on how to bring more parents into the school. We applied for and received funding for our year end BBQ

7. Staffing

When the proposed staffing for the 2008/2009 school year was announced it looked like we would lose 1 full time position resulting in a triple 6/7/8 grade for half the day. Bette Bartlett accepted an invitation to talk to school council about how staffing numbers are determined. As a result of this collaborative meeting we made a presentation to the board requesting an additional .5 position which would alleviate the triple grade. We are pleased that after reviewing our data the board voted in favour of the additional .5 position. Thanks to Kellie Wrigley for putting together the presentation

It has been an eventful year, thank you to the parents who give their time to sit on the school council. Thank you to the staff who always help our children to aim high and succeed. Thank you to the board of Trustees for your dedication

Submitted by:

Bernadette Langthorne, Chair
GONPS School Council