

Lake Superior High School Council Annual Report 2007/2008

Lake Superior High School Council held meetings from October 2007 until May 2008, which included our principal, student rep, teaching staff rep, non-teaching rep, as well as up to 8 parent members.

We provided input into a variety of Board related issues, such as:

- Parent Involvement committee
- Board policies 208,210,411,518,522,530-534,609
- School improvement plan 2007-2010
- Bill 212 , Suspensions/Expulsions
- School year calendar 2008/2009

In addition, our chair took part in the training session for Bill 212 for School council chairs, video conference of the Parent Involvement committee May 2008.

- We also completed the annual "People for Education "survey, which led to the participation of our student rep to a press conference with Annie Kidder in April. The subject matter was declining enrolment and a "new thinking "initiative for funding.

Locally we provided input and support for several issues:

- Letter of support for Bonnie Chisholm-Cardiff regarding subject choices and lack thereof
- Letter of support concerning the opening of our courtyard in the center of our school , initiated by this year's grad class
- Review of our School Council Pamphlet
- Review of Code of Behavior

Lake Superior High School hosted a "Career Fair for Parents" at the beginning of April, thanks to a Parent Outreach Grant from the Ministry of Education. Numerous presenters informed parents (and students) about career choices available locally. A representative from Lakehead University and Confederation College was also present. This was an opportunity to provide information and resources to parents assisting our students with important career choices. Although the attendance was lower than hoped, the parents who did attend found it very helpful and commented positively on the information and presentations given. Council invested a lot of time and effort into this project and we considered it a success.

In closing, our goal of involving more parents was partially met. Our "core group" of involved parents attended regularly, and in addition, we had some parents come out to one or two meetings. We will continue this quest in the upcoming school year.

Lake Superior High School Council started an e-list, which is a list of interested parents who would like to be informed about school happenings and other issues concerning the school and students via email. For some parents who cannot or will not make it out to meetings this is a way of being involved. Our list and interest is growing, and we hope, it will do so in 2008/2009 as well.

We will continue to work closely with the teaching staff, administration and the student council to address any concerns and make Lake Superior High School a place where...

KIDS DO COME FIRST!

Submitted by:

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