

## Marathon High School Community Council

### Annual Report 2007/2008

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The 07/08 school year was a very busy one for MHS Parent Council. We had a total of 8 parents, 1 community representative, 4 staff representatives and 1 student representative. We are once again pleased to inform you that we've accomplish most of our goals and objectives set out in October 2007.

Our main goal remains to involve more parents in all capacities in order to familiarize them with MHS in the hope that they join our Council as active members.

➤ **Parent Reaching out Grant:**

We were very lucky to receive \$1000.00 to build on our "Parent Resource Centre". Books/DVDs were purchased; our resource centre now has a great selection on all parenting topics ready for loan by all parents in our community as well as Heron Bay and Mobert. Invitations were sent home via report cards to all parents of MHS as well as to parents of grade 6 to 8 of our feeder schools.

➤ **Parent Involvement Committee:**

Pinky was nominated as Chair the Board Level PIC committee in November 2007. Our school was granted \$600.00 to run a "Family Olympic Challenge". This event was very successful and attracted more than 30 students/parents.

➤ **Student Council Support:**

Throughout the school year, we endeavored to participate in any and all activities of the Student Council.

➤ **Athletic Banquet Organization/Certificates:**

Parent council organized the Spaghetti dinner this year. We had over 100 people attend the banquet and received great reviews. We also designed and printed all certificates for our athletes.

➤ **Board Policy Review:**

We reviewed some of the policies however this is one area our council needs to be more diligent in.

➤ **Code of Conduct Review:**

As in other years, we participated in making changes to the Code of Conduct, which each student is given at the beginning of the school year.

➤ **Grade 8 transition information night:**

Pinky attended this information session and discussed what our council does during the school year, how to become involved and when to expect the nomination forms for next years council. This evening is the perfect time to welcome "new" parents to MHS.

➤ **Staff Breakfast:**

In February we served a hot breakfast for the entire staff of MHS.

➤ **Recruitment of Child and Youth Worker:**

Pinky attended the Bill 212 presentation and as a result of this meeting, wrote a letter to the Board requesting funding for a Child and Youth Worker at MHS. Our school was successful and was granted a part time position until June 2008.

➤ **Staff Survey/Goals and Objectives presentation to staff:**

Pinky attended the October staff meeting and presented Parent Councils goals and objectives for the upcoming year. She also distributed a Staff Survey in order to get feedback as to where they felt we could best support them throughout the year. This was not as successful as in previous years however parent council will continue to seek input.

➤ **Provincial Parent Board meeting updates:**

Pinky is one of the members appointed to the PPB and has been able to provide us monthly feedback from the meetings held in Toronto.

➤ **People for Education Survey:**

Pinky and Leslie filled out this survey and sent it to People for Education.

➤ **Letter to the trustees re: Board funding of Extra Curricular Sports:**

In an effort to support our Extra Curricular teams, a letter was sent to our trustees requesting they review how funds are allocated for out of town sporting activities.

➤ **Premier Teacher award nominations:**

Parent council was very pleased to nominate 7 staff members. Although none were chosen, these staff were honoured to have been nominated.

Following are suggestions we feel will help future councils to be better involved at MHS.

- 1) Board Policy review
- 2) Student Appreciation Luncheon
- 3) School Workshops
- 4) Code of Conduct
- 5) Trustee tours of the school
- 6) Annual Symposium
- 7) Participate in Budget Input Process