

Terrace Bay Public School — Parent Advisory Council

Annual Report 2007-08

Chair/Secretary:	Clare Kempe	Parent Members:	Andrea Boucher,
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Principal:	Dave Tamblyn		Birgit McArther
Teacher Reps:	Diane Malashewski, Horst Prager		Helen Turnbull

Our meetings were held the first Thursday of each month in the Library at the School. We tried to keep meetings short, approx. 1 hour and productive so members were not required to give up precious time. All meetings started with a review of what happened in the school over the past month (Month in Review) followed by the Principal's Report which always included upcoming events, the Treasurer's Report, Correspondence, Unfinished Business and New Business. We had two special presentations/workshops for our parents – our first presentation was presented by the OPP on drugs, drug use, signs of drug use and where to get help – the presentation was also to help parents to identify warning signs and indications that their children maybe partaking in drug use; the second presentation was a hands on workshop held in our computer lab learning what “our children already know” on Internet Safety. This workshop was both insightful and educational for the parents and I hope to have it annually as parents need to be informed about the latest sites kids visit. Both presentations were sponsored by an EFTO grant that TBPS received.

We once again started our year with our Annual Back To School BBQ and we lucked out with a beautiful day and one of our best parent turn outs. This is an opportunity for parents, students and staff to meet and socialize in an informal setting. The Grade 8 students start their fundraising by providing games and the Parent Council organizes the food – with Master Chef Tamblyn heading up the cooking. This year was also had our school trustee and members of the Board in attendance.

Our Snack Program continued this year with the head custodian and Secretary heading up the distribution of this program. This program offers weekly snacks to all students and additional snacks/lunch for those who forgot or didn't have a lunch. The Parent Council continued with their bi-weekly pizza lunches. Council continued to hand out Water Bottles for the Athlete of the Month – however, we pulled the bottles when the “plastic bottle” scare hit the news and are waiting for confirmation from our supplier about the safety of these particular bottles. Council has also continued to fund the Student of the Month books and Teacher Appreciation Funds (an allowance given by Council for teachers to use in their classrooms for special purchases for their classroom). We have continued to promote the Campbell's Labels for Education program and once again had a label blitz – this year we used our School House league teams to collect labels and whoever collects the most will gain points for their team.

We held our 2nd Annual Mother's Day Tea – all mothers/grandmothers etc were invited to come to the school and have tea with the staff and students. Parent Council organized the food/beverages and the staff and students served the tea. We also had older students assisting the younger students – it was once again a great success bring in many parents and community members.

Council will once again organized a School Wide Year Book – we assemble the year book over the summer ourselves and just have it printed at the local Print Shop – with the constant flow of students in and out of our community it is a nice way to remember our school years.

With our funds (the \$500) from the Ministry of Ed we purchased door prizes for our Mother's Day Tea, treated our parent volunteers for dinner and used the remaining funds for a cold treat for the students at our annual Swim Party at the end of the School Year. We spread the funds out trying to include many different aspects of the school – parent involvement, recognizing student initiatives and supporting the students as a whole.

Submitted by:

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