

**Jack
Donohue
Public
School** School
Council



September 2019 Newsletter

A big welcome back to our old Jack Donohue students and families and an even bigger welcome to our new students and families. We look forward to a terrific school year full of learning and fun.

The Jack Donohue School Council, made up of parents from the school community, works to help improve our school by hosting events for students and their families, purchasing school supplies and equipment, and delivering hot lunch programs. This past school year, the primary focus was on raising funds to build an outdoor classroom and improve the school grounds and play yard, including greening and purchasing equipment for the kinder yard. Although fundraising for this initiative is expected to continue for at least another year, the 2018-2019 year was very successful with over \$63 000 raised! And as a result, the kindergarten students are already enjoying some new additions to the kinder yard this year, including a new outdoor “mud” kitchen, chalk boards, and natural sensory materials, such as river rock and mulch!

School Council meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the library and all parents and guardians are welcome to attend. The first Council meeting of the new school year will take place at **7pm on Tuesday, September 10th** in the library.

At this first meeting we will have elections for our executive positions (Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Director), begin planning for the upcoming **Open House & BBQ**, scheduled for **Thursday, September 26th**, and discuss ideas for the coming year. At each Council meeting, our school principal or vice-principal will give an update on any upcoming events or any school-related matters (i.e. EQAO results, curriculum or staff changes, field trips, etc.) and for the first meeting of the year, give an overview of the plans and priorities for the upcoming school year.

The School Council strives to share information about upcoming events through our newsletter that will be emailed to you monthly. Additionally, we have a School Council Facebook group that we encourage you to join. This is another way for us to share information, but also for members of the school community to connect. You can find us at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/589041478177373/> or by searching Jack Donohue Public School Community.

We hope that you'll take part in some of our events, connect with us online, and consider joining us at an upcoming Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Your Jack Donohue School Council