



Parent School Council Annual Report 2019/2020

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Suzuki Charter Parent School Council held 6 meetings during the 2019/20 school year, mostly mornings but some evening meetings. The Council welcomed a new Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary this year. Though there was complete turnover in the council roles, some continuity was provided through many parents continuing to attend from the previous years. We were pleased to see new Suzuki families also attend some meetings.

Highlights:

- Parent Council chair and parent volunteers ran the 4th year of the month-long literacy program with grades 3-6. National Novel Writing Month took place in November 2019 with many students, staff and parents participating to write and meet a word goal of their choosing. 2 Write-In evenings were hosted at the school. Both were very well attended. SCS's 4th Young Writer's Program book featuring excerpts of students, staff, and parents was laid out and awaited printing to be available at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. We are hoping to incorporate the classroom aspects of the YWP into the Suzuki NaNoWriMo experience next year.
- In January another Math workshop was held – Box cars and One-Eyed Jacks.
- In March, Parent Council hosted an internet safety workshop. This was well attended and supplied a lot of pertinent information for parents. The workshop was highly appreciated, and recommendations were made to make this a yearly event.
- Throughout the year, parents provided discussion and feedback on a variety of school topics including: evening family events, scheduling, winter concert, fundraising, budgeting, increasing parent involvement, 3-Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report, and draft plans for School Re-Entry 2020/21.
- Parent Council created and presented Suzuki logo cookies for all of the staff in the immediate aftermath of the school shutdown in a show of support and appreciation for what the teachers, faculty, and administration were going through in our abrupt shift to home-supported learning.



It is still uncertain what the beginning of the 2020/21 school year will look like. Parent School Council would like to once again have a meet & greet for parents on the first day of school, but understand that this may not be possible. One proposed alternative is to have a video prepared to welcome parents and invite them to participate in the School Council meetings.

We look forward to another exciting year of learning, music, and school community.