

Le Phare E.S. School Council
Annual Activity Report
2021-22

SNAPSHOT: ([pdf poster link](#))

LE PHARE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our Mission

Le Phare School Council is led by parents, dedicated to enriching the school experience for students and families in our school community.

We've got GOALS

1) Support education

Raise funds for classroom materials, performances, online reading, playgrounds, snowshoes, upgrades, & so much more!

2) Collaborate with teachers

Liaise with teachers & Principals, share feedback, offer advice, discuss priorities, & work together.

3) Enrich our community

Lead & join school events, foster community outreach, support parents, & enable cooperation among all families at Le Phare.

You're always invited

W Friends of Council
Ad hoc, 2+ hours per year
Join any meeting, share feedback
volunteer once in a while, & [join our mailing list](#).

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L Council Members
1-2 hours per month
Attend meetings as available, e-vote
on priorities, help with activities,
liaise with staff & volunteer as you
can.

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O Council Executives
6+ hours per month
CoChair, CoTreasurer & CoSecretary,
elected annually, formal role.

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Look what we did!

In recent years:



- Bought 4 **chromebooks** & **\$2,000 in gift cards** for Le Phare families



- Hosted **yoga nights**, virtual **piano night**, dance **parties**, **movie nights** & **picnics**



- Helped fund our kinder **play yard** & **library** upgrade
- Built 1 **garden** and booked 2 **dance shows**
- Provided **4,000+ apples** & **bananas** for students

- Delivered over **11,000 pizza slices**
- Planted (& watered!) **9 new trees**
- Bought **instruments**, **books**, **60 pairs of snowshoes** and **40 graduate gifts**
- Donated **\$3,500+** to nearby charities and neighbourhood families.

Stay in Touch

Web: lepharees.ocdsb.ca

Email: SC-LePhareES@ocdsb.ca

Twitter: [@LephareCouncil](https://twitter.com/LephareCouncil)

Facebook: facebook.com/profile

Council Meetings

3rd Tuesday (almost) every month
7:00-9:00pm

*Hear Principals' update, share input,
discuss priorities & meet parents!*



MEMBERS:

Sherwyn Solomon - Principal
sherwyn.solomon@ocdsb.ca

Jaya Gupta - Co-Chair, Co-Treasurer

Marianna Connors - Co-Chair

Nicole Mccann - Co-Treasurer

Ashley Maltais - Secretary

Bonny Butt-Stone

Kristina Sarris

Peggy Sun

Rachelle Parlee

Sam Neale

Soukaina Baghdad

Steve chapman

Tanya Thomas

ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & SUCCESSES

Family and staff involvement in recent years has made a huge difference for our kids. It was tricky to make connections during the pandemic, but somehow we managed to ROCK it.

In 2021-22:

- Welcomed new members to Council with a more [flexible approach](#)
- Hosted virtual [family yoga](#)
- Won \$1,000 from [Awesome Ottawa](#) to exchange gifts with Carson Grove
- Hosted a virtual family [pizza night and piano show](#)
- Made a Monster [MashUp video](#) in lieu of our annual party
- Built a [garden](#) with Ms. Naomi
- Gave [holiday hamper gift cards](#) to neighbourhood families
- Helped Ms Paula [raise \\$ thousands](#) for the library with Chapters
- Paid for a MASC assembly [performance](#) for all the students
- Bought appreciation [gifts](#) for staff
- Bought celebration [gifts](#) for Grade 5s
- Made another [Monster MashUp](#) (in lieu of our Monster Mash Dance)
- Ran a [Toy Drive](#)
- Hosted the return of our [Family Picnic!](#) complete with [JunkYard Symphony](#)
- Joined [Facebook](#) and kept up with [Twitter](#)
- Re-launched student [lunches](#) with pizza days yum!

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS:

([pdf poster link](#))

Le Phare School Council

WAYS TO DONATE

In recent years, School Council raised over \$50,000

Usually, we raise:

- * Monster Mash Dance Party (about \$3,000)
- * Pizza and Lunch Orders (about \$5,000)
- * Booster Juice Vouchers (about \$1,000)

This helps pay for:

- * sensory supports
- * kinder play yard
- * library re-do
- * class equipment
- * Raz Kids e-reading
- * food programs

— BUT THEN 2020 HAPPENED —

SO... HERE ARE 4 NEW WAYS TO HELP

mabel's labels.

You get personalized labels, we raise funds!

Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and choose Le Phare

We'll earn 20%

Your labels will ship directly to you for FREE

Teachers' Wishlist

You sponsor an item, your classroom gets stuff!

<http://www.auctria.com/auction/lephare>

Choose an item and donate to your child's class

cascades

You get nice toilet paper, we raise funds!

1 box (48 rolls) for \$40, or 2 boxes for \$75

Email SC-LePhareES@ocdsb.ca to buy & arrange pickup

(Or buy for the Food Bank and we'll deliver)

FündScrip

You get gift cards, we raise funds!

You buy gift cards and get full value, and Le Phare gets a % commission!

Visit fundscrip.com and use Invitation Code 3NCHAH

Gas, groceries, restaurants and everything in between!

Web <https://lepharees.ocdsb.ca> Email: SC-LePhareES@ocdsb.ca Twitter: [@LephareCouncil](https://twitter.com/LephareCouncil)

Plus, the Return of Student Pizza Lunches: [Review link here](#)

OUR NEW, MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH (2021):

- We want to make this easier.
- Sometimes attending a Council Meeting, even virtually, is not the only way to get involved.

- We have adapted our input and voting approach, shifting it to an online "Google Form" method.
- This means even if you can't attend every meeting, you can still participate as a "Voting Member" to vote or provide input via email, rather than only at meetings.
- Voting Members make decisions on what to raise money for, what to spend it on, which activities to support.
- Members can join anytime during the year, if agreed by Council.
- Even if Voting Member doesn't work for you, you can still join the email list as a "Friend of Council" to provide regular input and receive meeting invitations and materials.
- You may also have a special skill or community connection that you can share, without joining Council in any formal way.
- Email us anytime at SC-LePhareES@ocdsb.ca

THEMES & PRIORITIES THIS YEAR:

- Fostering parent and family involvement, building community through virtual events, exchanges with sister schools, and good outreach with families ([see email messages here](#))
- Supporting families who need it most such as holiday hamper gift cards, donated pizza slices, and local toy drive (and via 10% set-aside of all revenues for community contributions)
- Focussing on outdoor education, purchasing equipment and making good use of last year's purchase of snowshoes! (and setting aside 10% of all revenues for eventual play climber renewal)
- Remaining responsive to school and family priorities (via family survey, and raising funding with purpose toward specific priorities via Auctria)
- Showing our appreciation to teachers, staff and other supporters in our community, and collaborating closely with Principals.

Thank you to all Members of Council, Principals, teachers and staff, Trustee Sandra Schwartz, City Councilor Tim Tierney and all the families and parents who have supported Council this year. Looking forward to 2022-23!
