

# Parent Council Newsletter

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## Your SPS Council for 2016—2017

Chairs—Sabrina Kemp and Shannon Helleman

Food Coordinator—Lorrie Hayes

Volunteer Coordinator—Cathy Smith Coote

Fundraising Coordinators—Kristin Harcoff and Donna Edwards

Treasurer—Ryan Dawe

Secretary—George Ingraham

SCSC Coordinators—Kristin Kilby, Cathy Smith Coote, Kim Medaglia, and Angela Viktora

OCASC Representative—Stephanie Pulleyblank

Web Coordinator and Newsletter—Jackie Connors

See here for information on how to contact the SPS Council!

## Thinking ahead to next year!

There are some executive positions on Council that will be vacant next year (2017—2018), namely Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer. If you are considering running for one of these positions and would like to shadow those currently in these positions this year to learn about the roles, please contact Sabrina or Shannon at [stittsvilleps.chair@gmail.com](mailto:stittsvilleps.chair@gmail.com).



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# Fundraising

## Happy Fall to all of our SPS families!

With Thanksgiving in mind, we want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who makes our Fundraising campaigns happen. We couldn't run our programs without the help of volunteers, and they wouldn't be a success without our amazing families. You are ALL appreciated!!

We've started this school year off with a bang. Our first Movie Night was the best attended yet. Big thanks to Jen Kearns and team for putting together such a fun night!! The next movie night will be **January 27<sup>th</sup>**, so stay tuned to the SPS Parents Facebook page for your chance to vote on what we'll be playing.

We've had an amazing response to our School Spirit Wear, and orders are being processed now. Everyone will receive their orders before the first Friday in November.

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

- Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>: SPS Spooktacular Halloween Dance!!
- Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>: McDonald's Night Fundraiser
- Wednesday, November 9-13<sup>th</sup>: Samko & Miko Toy Sale Fundraiser
- Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>: Parent's Night Out!

Also in November, in preparation for the holidays, we will be holding a Poinsettia & Wreath sale, as well as another School Spirit Wear sale. Order forms and information will come home with your children, so be sure to check backpacks!

We are ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help run our campaigns and events, so reach out in any way and we'll get back to you!

Questions, suggestions, or anything else can be emailed anytime to [stittsvilleps.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:stittsvilleps.fundraising@gmail.com).

# Safe and Caring Schools

## Committee

Our hope, as parent volunteers on the Safe and Caring Schools Committee, is to infuse mental health awareness into student well-being initiatives by:

- ♦ Offering valuable input on programs and strategies to prevent bullying and promote a positive school climate
- ♦ Helping to identify areas that could use more attention
- ♦ Increasing overall parental engagement in open and ongoing dialogue with the school community

See [page 1](#) for who the members of SCSC are and how to contact them.

Go to <http://www.ocdsb.ca/ab-ocdsb/ss/Pages/default.aspx> for the OCDSB's mandate for Safe and Caring Schools.



Join us for our next council meeting—  
Tuesday October 18 at 7pm  
in the school lobby.

## Results of the Parents' Survey

A survey was sent out recently and here are the results:

### What are your thoughts on student agendas?

- ⇒ 64% said they are great
- ⇒ 12% said they would prefer an electronic option
- ⇒ 24% said they are indifferent



**Please rank from most important to least important the priorities you feel Parents Council should focus on this year.**

1. Working with the school to enhance school spirit, morale, and sense of community
2. Working with the school to address safety and well-being
3. Improving communication between school and parents
4. Working with the school to improve academic results
5. Working with the school on approaches to discipline
6. Providing resources to parents

**Please rank from most important to least important the areas which Parent council should be funding.**

1. Science-based activities
2. Technology in the classroom
3. Arts and culture activities
4. Math-based activities
5. Physical education related activities
6. Literacy activities

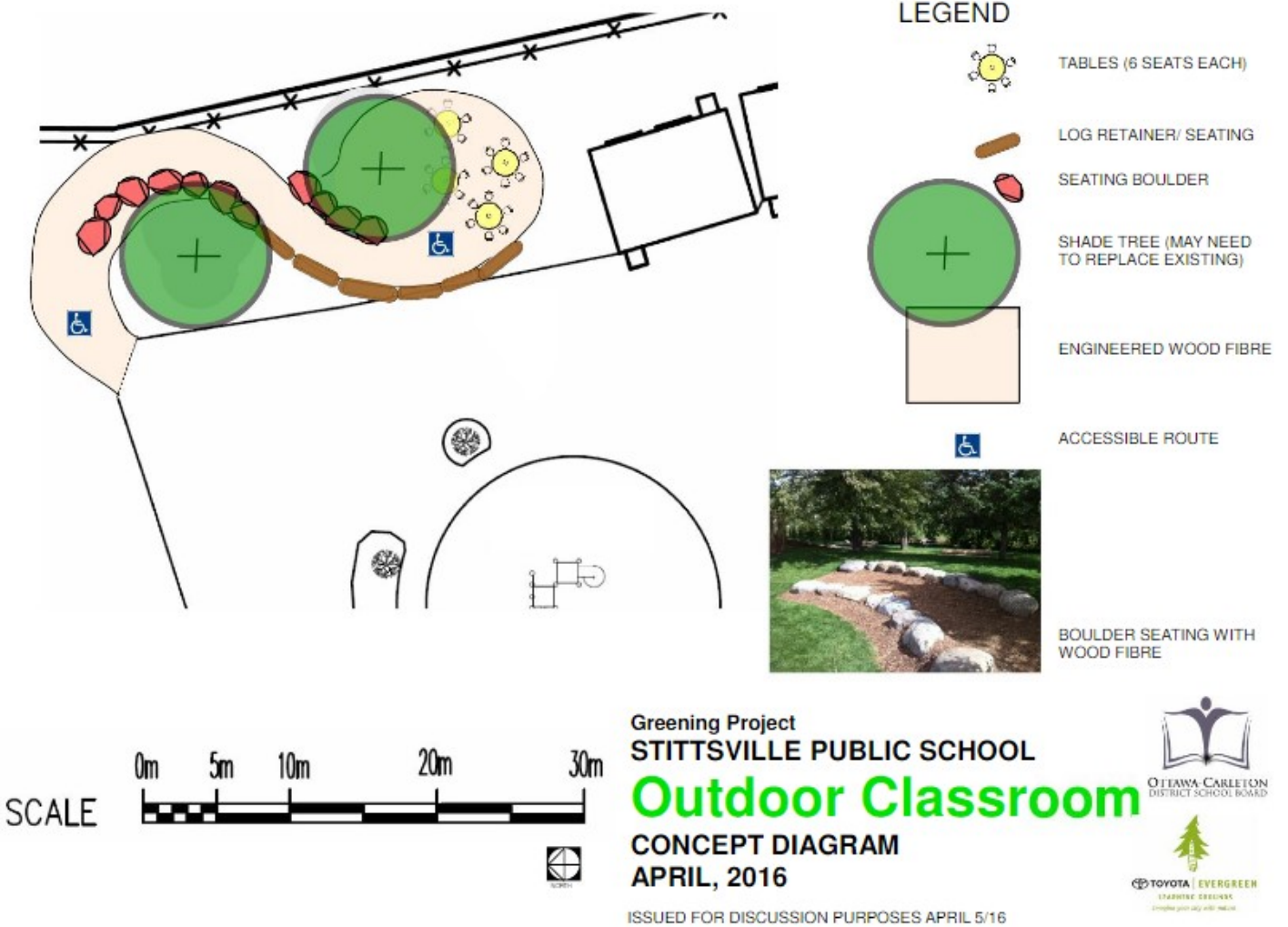
## Grants Awarded for the Outdoor Classroom!

Two grants have been awarded for the Outdoor Classroom:

- \$10,000 for Phase I of the Outdoor Classroom is being funded by Parent Council through normal fundraising activities. Phase I is planned to include semi-circle boulder seating and an accessible pathway. We hope work will start soon on Phase II!
- \$20,000 will be needed to cover the cost of Phase 2. The goal is to raise these funds through grants. Phase 2 will include small group tables and additional seating made of logs. So far, \$2,800 has been awarded to Parent Council through the City of Ottawa Community Environmental Projects Grant Program and an additional \$9,000 has been awarded through the TD Friends of the Environment Fund for a total of **\$11,800!** We are over half-way there!

Interested in assisting with this project? Email: [stittsvilleps.chair@gmail.com](mailto:stittsvilleps.chair@gmail.com).

See [page 4](#) for a concept diagram of the outdoor classroom!



## Parent Council Financial Report 2015-2016

Every September, Parent Council must submit a financial report the Ottawa Carleton District School Board for the previous year. Below is the report for 2015-2016. Annual reports and budgets are posted on the Parent Council website

at [www.spscouncil.com](http://www.spscouncil.com).

Questions? Contact [stittsvilleps.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:stittsvilleps.treasurer@gmail.com).



Opening balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments, and cash on hand July 1,2015	\$34,875
Amount raised by school council during the year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016	\$78,963
Amount spent by school council during the year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016	\$68,475
Closing balance of all reconciled bank accounts, investments, and cash on hand on June 30, 2016	\$45,363