



# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## JANUARY

The January school council meeting is the perfect time to revisit the goals of your council, track your progress and assess what it is possible to get done by the end of the school year.

It is easy at the beginning of the school year to be overly ambitious and plan to do so many things. January is a time to look at what was actually accomplished in the first four months of school and look ahead at what it will be possible to realistically get done before June.

If your school council has a formal one to three-year plan (as suggested in our October newsletter), put the topic of plan review on this month's agenda. As you review the plan line by line, look at what worked and what did not attract the interest of the school community. This should serve as a guideline as you look at what was planned for the next five months. If you had planned an activity that was similar to one that did not really work in the first few months, consider modifying that part of your

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plan to something new that has a better possibility of succeeding.

January is also the month to take a look at your council budget to see if you are meeting your goals. This review may require you to adjust your plan for the balance of the year. It is vitally important that your council does not overextend financially based on what you hope you will raise or receive in the future.

With so much changing in the province of Ontario in the education field, January is an excellent time to ask a member to research what has happened in the province since the beginning of the school year and share it with the council. It is important that the council stay abreast of what is happening at the Ministry and how that affects your board, school and ultimately the students. Updated information can be obtained from the Ministry website, People

for Education and your Board. This is a good month to invite your school Trustee to a meeting and ask if they have any updated information about what is happening at the board now and what future issues may be important for parents at your school to know about.

As 2019 begins, it is an important time to remind parents about the benefits of being involved in their child's education. To this end, we have included our blog on how Parents Can Engage in Everyday Activities to support their children's learning in this newsletter.

*Theresa Pastores*

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**The feedback was fantastic!! We were pleased to once again offer the following sessions:**

- Building Strong School Councils
- Multicultural School Councils
- School Council Partnerships
- Partnering with the Principal
- Fundraising Strategies
- Microsoft Office 365 for school councils

- Social Media for School Councils
- Event planning
- Roles and Responsibilities of Council Chairs
- Roles and Responsibilities of Council Treasurers
- Roles and Responsibilities of Council Secretaries
- Roles and Responsibilities of Parent Members
- Developing an Effective Three-Year Plan for School Councils

The “lunch with the vendors” is a popular feature each year and this

break also gives parents from across Ontario the chance to network and learn from each other.

Thank you to the school council leaders who signed our DREAM TREE with their hopes for their children, their school and their future.

We have posted the presentations from this event on the website [dreambig.parentsengagedineducation.ca](http://dreambig.parentsengagedineducation.ca).

Next year this event will take place by mid-October and we hope to see you there!!

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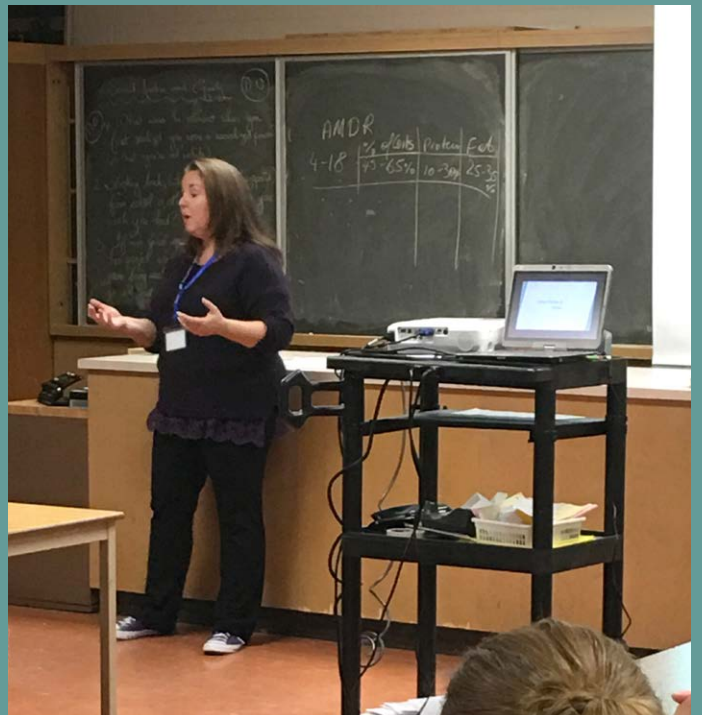
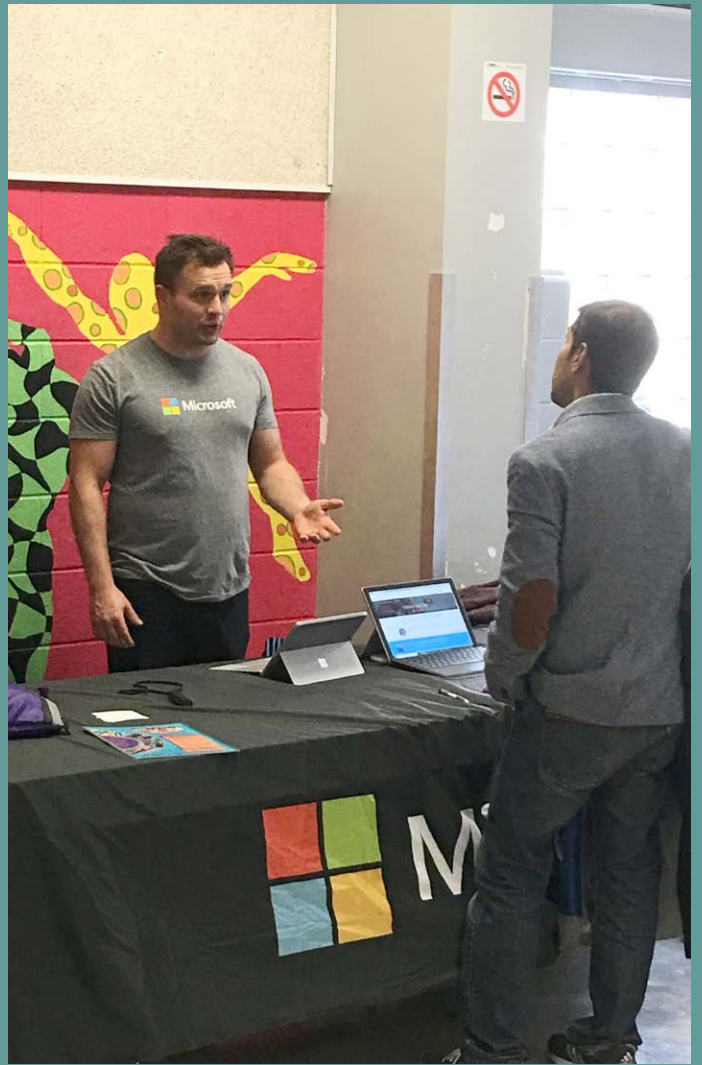
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