**Market Lane School Council**

***Co-Chair’s Report***

2015-2016 Academic Year

It is with great pleasure that the Co-Chairs for the 2015-2016 academic year report back to School Council on the year’s activities. Despite a slow start to the year, School Council was able to achieve a number of successes.

School Council worked hard to improve communications in the school with a weekly newsletter that went home to all parents. The newsletter focused on school and community news, upcoming events, and parenting tips. The Co-Chairs would like to thank everyone who contributed content to the newsletter. We would also like to thank the teachers and staff who helped to distribute the newsletter. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Esse for all his work posting the newsletter to the school website.

School Council was instrumental in launching the Homework Club. This after school program provided homework support and tutoring for more than 30 Market Lane students. The Co-Chairs would like to thank Michael Papathanasakis and Principal Lennon for their help organizing this program. We would also like to thank Angel Narick for providing tasty, nutritious, and inexpensive snacks.

The Co-Chairs lobbied for activity templates to be painted in the junior playground, creating more play opportunities for the students of Market Lane. We would like to thank Principal Lennon for making this happen.

School Council supported African Heritage Night by providing food for the participants and community. The Dash Robotics project, organized by Mr. Paufler received support. And, School Council was able to support three parent workshops: Math and Your Child, Reading and Your Child, and EQAO Preparation.

This year School Council was able to offer educational seminars to help parents and students. These include the Financial Literacy for Children, Home Alone, Eating Healthy Snacks, and the Multiple Intelligences Seminars.

School Council also saw fundraising success. The Adopt-A-School program saw parents and Indigo Books raise more than $2,500 for the School Library. Through magazine sales the Market Lane was able to raise more than $1,000. The annual Market Lane Fun Fair raised more than $3,500 to support projects in the classroom.

School Council arranged for the clothes donated by the Market Lane community to be picked up. Proceeds were used to support projects for students in the upper years.

The co-chairs would like to thank Angel Narick and Amy Sisam for all their work on the Indigio Adopt-A-School Program. We would like to thank Amanda Campbell and Sofia Ziatar for all their efforts on the magazine sales.

This year’s Fun Fair was a huge success bringing the community together in a celebration of Market Lane School. The event also raised more than $3,500 to support program in the classroom. This event would not have been possible without the help of dozens of volunteers. The Co-Chairs, however, would like to give a special thanks to Georgia Reynolds, Michael Papathanasakis, and Su-ad Ah-med for all their help this year.

Finally, the Co-Chairs were pleased to be able to establish an Elections Committee to ensure that well organized and fair elections take place at the beginning of the new academic year.

This year was not without it’s share of challenges. Unfortunately, the Co-Chairs were not able to draft and present a set of by-laws for consideration by School Council. We were not able to complete and publish the Market Lane Cook Book. Our outreach efforts also did not result in a significant increase in School Council meeting attendance. We certainly hope that future School Councils will be able to address these issues.

This year’s Co-Chairs would like to thank the entire community for giving us the privilege of serving School Council this year. We look forward to seeing future School Councils build on this year’s successes and help make all the students and Market Lane successful.

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