

## GLEBE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

#### ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

##### **School Council -Purpose, composition and goals**

Glebe School Council is a volunteer group of members of the school community -- parents, students, school administrators, teaching and non-teaching staff and community representatives -dedicated to strengthening educational opportunities and partnerships with the community. The mission of the Glebe School Council is to work with the broader education community for the purpose of increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of Glebe Collegiate Institute in all its attempts to provide the highest possible calibre of education for each and every student. In order to achieve this purpose, the School Council is committed to developing and maintaining positive two-way communications and consultative mechanisms with the administration, teachers and non-teaching staff of Glebe, with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board and, where appropriate, with the Ontario Ministry of Education.

##### **Note from Co-Chairs**

On behalf of Glebe Council, we would like to thank all members of the Glebe High school community – parents, volunteers, staff, and students for their participation, and support this past year. We value your assistance and input, and we look forward to hearing from you over the course of this school year. Let's make it a great one!

##### **Council meeting dates for 2011-12:**

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012

##### **2010-2011 Council Members**

**Co-Chairs:** Gina Grottoli, Deborah Lemkow

**Treasurer/Finance Committee:** Connie Peterson

**Communication Committee:** Richard Deadman

**Secretary:** Ann Thompson

**Special Events Coordinator:** Connie Peterson

**Fund Raising:** vacant

**Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC) representative:** Lillian Thomsen

**Secondary School representative:** Jean MacIsaac

**TWIGS:** Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell

**Gifted Program Committee:** Jodie Vanasse, Peter Miller, and David Ljunggren

**Glebe Community Representative:** Vacant

**School Representatives:** Patricia Kulka (Principal, non-voting); Rupi Bergamin and Paul Hutton (Vice-Principals), Andrew Cumberland and Heather Morse (Teacher Representatives), and Daniel Gilmour and Ken Henter (Students).

**Other:**

**School Council 2010-2011 Achievements and Directives:**

School council continued to maintain our two way communications and consultation with the Glebe community by:

**Additional VP at Glebe collegiate:** Successfully lobbied in tandem with School Trustee Rob Campbell to change the funding allocations at the Ottawa School Board in order to receive a 3<sup>rd</sup> VP at Glebe for 2011-12. Made Representation at OCDSB HR Budget Meeting and made the case that Glebe's size both in student population and facility, its varied student population and diverse program selection required additional funding above the board-wide allocation of 2 Vice principals per school. This allows more support for students (safety, curriculum and consultation), more time and flexibility for parents to contact and consult with their VP, leadership and assistance to teachers, and more assistance to the Principal

**Educational community Involvement:** Participated in the Educational review hosted by the Glebe Community Association which focussed on looking at different options for dealing with overcrowding at First Avenue and Hopewell; presented the case that adding a grade 7 or 8 to Glebe is not a feasible option as the school already has issues with lack of space, limited funding, and limited parking.

**Special Events:**

**Parent Involvement Information evenings:** (1) High School Student Assessment and Evaluation – presenters Principal - Pat Kulka, Department Head-Andrew Cumberland, and Teacher-Rachel Collishaw, (November 2010); (2) Risks of the Internet – presenter Karen Sparks (Internet specialist) (May 2011)

**Teacher Appreciation Events:** Teacher lunch (December) and Strawberry Social (June); provision of snacks for teachers and parents at Meet the Teacher (February).

**Principal Profile:** A Principal Profile document was written and submitted to the OCDSB Superintendent of Instruction, Walter Piovesan in March 2011, in order to help facilitate the selection of a new principal for Glebe. The document represents the School Council's perspective on the "ideal qualities" of a principal for Glebe, taking into consideration the size and varied population (children from 50 -60 different cultural backgrounds),and its program delivery - French Immersion, French Immersion Gifted, Extended French, Regular English, English Second Language (ESL), Focus Program (Cabinet Making), and a Community Living program).

**School Improvement plan (SIP):** A school improvement plan is a road map that sets out the changes a school needs to make to improve the level of student achievement, and shows how and when these changes will be made; it is a working document. Vice principal presented an overview of the main features of the SIP. The central focus identified is the development of the students' critical thinking skills and use of these skills in making judgments and decisions. In addition to providing feedback, the role of the School Council in the SIP development process will be to communicate the SIP goals, objectives and implementation strategies to the parents and promote parent engagement. A volunteer Parent (participant at School Council) reviewed the SIP and some changes will be made based on his feedback.

**Connecting with Student council:** Continuing to commit to provide assistance through communication where ever possible to student run events (flyers, announcements). Student presentation on grad committee.

**Other:** Electronic Parent survey was conducted to determine improvements needed for the "Meet the Teacher" event for semester 2. Action plans to improve parent attendance will be put in place for 2011/2012 school year.

Co-chairs attended zone meetings with School board trustees as well as Glebe community education consultation meetings.  
Collation of parent volunteer forms.

**TWIGS** – A Parent volunteer (member of School Council) guides and supervises TWIGS school environmental group once per week throughout the school year.

**Awards** - -Successful nomination - Pat Kulka for the OCDSB's "Chair's Award". The Chair's Award is presented yearly to either an Ottawa-Carleton District School Board staff member and/or a community member whose dedication to enhancing the aims and objectives of the Board, over an extended period of years is recognized and celebrated.

**Gifted Program Committee:** Conducted informal Grade 8 reception and information session before formal Glebe Open house for Grade 8s.

**OCASC and Secondary School Committees:** Attended meetings and passed on information to council providing insight to current issues relevant to Glebe

**Award for student at the end of the year.**

Glebe School Council provides awards at year end (as chosen by School Administration) to two students most in need of additional funding to continue course studies.

**Financial statement & fundraising**

**As provided to OCDSB September 7, 2011.**

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| Opening balance of bank account, investments and cash on July 31, 2010      | \$8102.36  |
| The amount raised by school council during August 1, 2010 and July 31, 2011 | \$500.00 (rec'd from Ottawa School Board)<br>\$931.20 (Fund raising)                                       |
| The amount spent by school council during August 1, 2010 and July 31, 2011  | \$7001.81<br>(includes \$5000.00 one time transfer of funds to School raised for Auditorium refurbishment) |
| Closing balance of bank accounts, investments and cash on June 30, 2011     | \$2531.75  |