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Dear Banting parents,

The following represents the 2018/19 school council annual report and there is a lot to be proud of regarding what our children, teachers, parents, and community have accomplished. Banting's school council is an advisory body of volunteers who work together to provide ideas and opinions to help the principal and sometimes the school district make the school a better place for learning.

Similar to our hard-working Banting students and staff, school council set out to make an impact. As such, we did just that, providing resources, collaborating on diverse initiatives to support families and the community at large. Below is a sampling of initiatives and projects that the council supported in 2018/19:

- Collaborating with the NorthWest London Resource Centre on various parent engagement and children clubs
- Assisted with developing a community network profile of services with the NCHC (e.g. homework clubs)
- Developed new communication processes and migrated documents from Google docs to the Parent Portal
- Planning upcoming parent engagement activities/community engagement sessions
- Improved communication and administration processes as well as repaired the yard fence on the school property

Of course, these initiatives could not have been possible if not for the many committed parents who volunteered their time and who have supported these initiatives. Moreover, a small group of council members participated or attended the Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee (TVPIC), and numerous educational sessions, including the Deb Pushor event to support parent engagement and leadership. In addition, some council members allocate additional personal time to run initiatives such as the Robotics education event.

Your 2018/19 school council included: Joan Cooper (Principal); Silvie MacLean (Chair); John Dubois (Vice-Chair); Laura Gonzalez (Treasurer); Jill-Anne Mabey (Secretary); Dev Sainani (Parent rep); Kim Snelgrove (Parent rep); Mike Hanson (Parent rep); Neil Banerjee (Parent rep); Amani Radhaa (Community rep); Morgan Sherlock and Eric Neibert (Teacher rep).

During the 2018/19 school year, our school council held 8 meetings. Generally, the school council met the third Thursday of every month. School council meetings started at 6:30 p.m. and usually ended within 1.5 hours. You can review the agenda and minutes and other important information under the Banting "Bronco" parent portal. It is important to note that in 2018/19, there were no fundraising initiatives but a year-end financial statement ending June 30, 2019, is also available.

The school council meetings are open to our Banting Bronco community. The meetings take place every month and included are an agenda and meeting minutes to track information and key performance. We also have a new dynamic principal, Richard Tamminga to lead our school. With this in mind, we hope to see new members at our upcoming 2019 meetings taking place on Sept. 11th, Oct. 9th, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11th before we decide on our next series of meetings in the 2020 quarter. **Reminder:** *Banting Bronco Family Round-up* event taking place the evening of Oct. 17, 2019, between 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. to learn of diverse programs and services available within the community to support your high-school student and family.

Lastly, information on how to get involved or even to read up on the progress of the school council is located on the Banting Parent portal. Questions can also be emailed to the Chair at sc-banting@tvpic.ca Even if you don't have time to attend meetings or read up on the parent portal, recognize the importance of supporting your child and community by 3 things: listening; learning & leading. To everyone in our Banting community, and on behalf of school council, I wish you all the best in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Silvie MacLean

Silvie MacLean, Chair