

Adam Scott CVI and Adam Scott Intermediate School Council Chairs' Year-End Report 2024

- After adopting our new Constitutions and our Memorandum of Understanding last year, we were heartened to see so many new parents and guardians joining School Council in September this year.
- Part of the reason for this success in recruitment is because we sent out welcome letters and a self-nomination form to all parents/guardians in the first two weeks of school and took the time to have a presence at the Grade 9 Parent-Student Open House and at the Intermediate School Parent-Teacher Open House.
- We made sure that Parents/Guardians knew that all of our School Council meetings could be attended virtually as well, although we've since become aware that we still have more work to do to make sure this is well known in the broader Parent/Guardian community.
- As a Council we intend to continue to reach out to parents early and often in the upcoming school year to strengthen and solidify School Council's ability to support the school environment and the student experience at Adam Scott CVI and Adam Scott Intermediate.
- We are also very appreciative of all of the parents and guardians who stepped forward to take on new roles within the executive of Council and within our Fundraising Committee – our two schools are being very well served by this group of dedicated volunteers.
- As a group we emphasized a commitment to greater transparency and accountability in terms of our dealings with parents and guardians and the schools themselves and to this end we launched a parent/guardian survey with excellent participation from the parent/guardian body.
- We also put greater emphasis on our financial accountability through regular Treasurer updates, a closer partnership with the school secretaries, and an amendment to the constitution to deal with purchasing.
- With the help of School Council, the Adam Scott Women's Rugby Team was able to launch a necessary and successful raffle fundraiser to help finance their trip abroad to play against other international teams.
- Our fundraising committee hosted several successful fundraising ventures (Domino's pizza nights, FlipGive online fundraiser) that helped School Council raise the funds it needs to contribute to the betterment of our schools on behalf of our students. For example, we were able to support Relay for Life events, the breakfast program, tokens

for graduates at both schools.

- The survey provided much-needed feedback and helped us craft two excellent Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant workshops in addition to helping School Council establish broader goals for the organization.
- This year both schools were once again awarded full funding for the PRO Grant workshops through successful applications for the funds in December. We hosted two enriching events to support parents and guardians in some of the areas identified as priorities in our survey.
- In the spirit of more transparency and communication, with the help of our school administration, we also established a School Council group with a direct link on Edsby where all of our School Council agendas, minutes, and other relevant documents are posted.
- School Council agreed again this year to purchase token graduation gifts for the Grade 12s and the Grade 8s, and that has become an appreciated tradition.
- A Chair's Transition document was prepared this year to help further define the role and responsibilities of the Chair in order to foster greater confidence in the expectations of the position and to encourage people to pursue this role in the future.
- School Council has had excellent participation throughout the year from student representatives, teachers, principals, and vice principals, and we have developed a great partnership between School Council and our schools' administration, which really helps us achieve our goals.
- We thank all of our members and everyone who has taken part in our meetings for their hard work and commitment to making a difference in our schools. Next year we hope to encourage even more parents and guardians to take part and to contribute their time, talent, and skills to School Council for the benefit of our Adam Scott students.

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