

June 15, 2020

**COLLEGE HEIGHTS SECONDARY SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020**

Dear Husky Families,

We hope that your family is keeping healthy, safe, and managing this new world of social distancing. This has been a surreal time in the world and certainly not the end to the school year that anyone could have imagined. Our school council unfortunately had to cancel many of our activities due to the pandemic, but we remain committed to continuing our work when the circumstances permit.

The school council would like to recognize the dedication of the CHSS staff. As challenging as these times have been, it has been moving to see the tremendous efforts of the staff to ensure that students continue to be supported both academically and emotionally. The school has worked hard to maintain their connection with students by reaching out with personal calls and emails, offering daily inspirational announcements and videos, holding virtual class meetings, and special “Husky Live” announcements each Friday. Grad signs were personally delivered to the homes of every graduating student to recognize this important student milestone. The staff ensured that students received lessons and activities, even if it meant sending out assignments by bus each week. We are fortunate to have our students attend a school that truly puts the needs of students at the forefront of decision-making.

**2019-2020 Council Membership**

**Chair:** Carrie Bran

**Vice-Chair** Danielle Richer

**Treasurer:** Lisa Stearns

**Secretary:** Natalie Muirhead-Cubrt

**Parent Members:** Kim Campbell, Curtis Cook, Edith Cubrt, Lori Kush, Darryl Lennox, Mike O’Halloran, Wendy Owens, Janet Panchuk, Susan Rempel, Shana Waverman

**Community Representative:** Joanna Penfold

**Staff Representative:** Lori Furfaro

**Principal:** Paul Richard

**Vice Principal:** Hayley Warren

The College Heights' School Council is a committee of parents, community representatives, school administration, and staff members focused on promoting student achievement and supporting and enhancing the learning environment at CHSS.

The College Heights' School Council met monthly on the second Monday of the month. Council meetings allow parents to hear first-hand what is happening in the school, plan for upcoming events, and bring ideas forward. School administration shares information and insight and uses the meetings to gather parent input.

### **Highlights of our 2019-2020 Year**

Our council held 4 well attended meetings (September 16, 2019, October 7, 2019, December 9, 2019, March 9, 2020)

#### **Our CHSS Council initiatives and projects included:**

- Participation in the fall Meet the Teacher Evening
- Hosting a Family Portrait Fundraising Event on November 26, 2019 raising funds for the CHSS outdoor patio project

#### **Events cancelled due Covid-19:**

- Cyber-Safety/Human-Trafficking Presentation presented by Crime Stoppers and the Guelph Police Services
- Guest Speaker Event: An Evening with Ann Douglas: "Parenting Through the Storm"

All school council meetings are open to the public and we encourage input from everyone in our school community. At this time, we don't know what restrictions will be in place for the next school year. Please check the school website in the fall for information regarding next year's school council meetings.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to Kasie Crawford and Alisha Chambers, CHSS Administrative Office Assistants, for their hard work and support of our council activities.

We would also like to thank Lori Furfaro for her years of dedication on the CHSS school council. We wish her well in her retirement!

We encourage Husky families, including families of new CHSS students, to reach out to the CHSS School Council if you have any questions or would like information about our activities. If you have suggestions about ways our council could offer support to families during these challenging times, we would encourage you to send us an email at:

[schoolcouncil.chss@gmail.com](mailto:schoolcouncil.chss@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Carrie Bran  
College Heights' School Council Chair

