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**ST. JOHN FISHER**  
HOME AND SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION

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# **President's Report**

## **2015 / 2016**

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This year, as in many years past, the SJF Home & School Association has been very active at St John Fisher Elementary school. There have been many occasions for volunteers to be involved and without these dedicated individuals, Home and School would not be successful. Thank you to those who donated time and goods towards all our initiatives - all for the good of our students!

In summary, SJF HandS has held ten Regular Meetings, three Executive Team Meetings, one Special Meeting (to adopt the revised Constitution and Bylaws) and one AGM; eighteen lunches at the Junior School; twelve TCBY days; five editions of the *HandS News Newsletter* were issued; hosted four parent workshops; and raised funds for classroom libraries through FundScrip (H&S will match the amount raised) and the Scholastics Book Fair; other funds raised will purchase items on the year-end wish list presented by the principals and allow HandS to remain committed to its operations.

Following is a month by month recount of what activities were organized and/or sponsored by HandS.

#### **AUGUST**

- Handbook, constitution and bylaws revised.
- Prepared HandS News Newsletter, issue 1.
- New volunteer/membership form created.
- Editions Vaudreuil Pick up: 170 orders.
- Clothing sale.
- H&S President met with Principals to discuss the year ahead.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- Kindergarten first day - school tees were given to the students and a kleenex pack with a note was handed out to the parents. New students at both schools were also given school tees.
- 'Welcome Back to School' breakfast and snacks for staff, day before school began.
- HandS News Newsletter, Issue 1.
- 'Welcome Back to School Corn Boil' for students - September 4th.
- Cleaning up of HandS offices.
- Curriculum night at Sr - HandS Hub.
- Curriculum night at Jr - HandS Hub.
- Picture day Sept 11th.
- Executive Team meeting.
- HandS *Meet & Greet 2015* Sept 16th.



- HandS meeting.
- Invitation to LBPSB workshop sent out.
- tcby forms sent out.
- Met with Marlyn Brownrigg and Executive Team; Team members were not able to attend the Exec. training offered the QFHSA.
- Born to Read bins placed.
- Sent out revised constitution & by-laws and notice of special meeting.
- Junior School lunch forms sent out (Dagwoods and Dominos).
- SJF Fair planning meeting.
- TCBY
- New H&S logo approved at the first meeting.

### **OCTOBER**

- Clothing order placed, in time for Fair - long sleeve tee in blue, is the new item of the year.
- FundScrip posters created and posted, flyer sent out.
- Parent Workshop: Anxiety workshop, Oct 5, 2015.
- Invitation to QFHSA Fall Conference sent out.
- Cleaning of HandS offices.
- Inventory listed of Fair stuff in HandS offices.
- HandS at a Glance pamphlet ready to send out.
- Prepare operating budget for the year.
- HandS Special Meeting and Regular Meeting.
- Junior lunches and TCBY.
- Collection boxes for the Mtl. Children's Hospital distributed.

### **NOVEMBER**

- HandS News Newsletter, Issue 2.
- QFHSA Fall Conference 2015 (attended: Sandra Gesualdi).
- Photo retakes.
- HandS Hub @ parent/teacher day.
- FundScrip Challenge until Jan 4.
- Parent workshop: Know it All, with Nurse Sockett, Nov 2.
- Holiday Fair, Nov 21, 2015.
- Signed Photo contract for next year - Lifetouch.
- Assisted with Grade 4 vaccines.
- Collection boxes for the Mtl. Children's Hospital collected.
- HandS Meeting.
- Junior lunches and TCBY.



## **DECEMBER**

- Executive Team meeting.
- H&S elves delivered Christmas pencils to everyone.
- Prepared for January newsletter.
- Prepared Kindergarten Open House invitation.
- HandS potluck Meeting.
- Junior lunches and TCBY.

## **JANUARY**

- HandS News Newsletter, Issue 3.
- Open House invitations delivered.
- Kindergarten Open House.
- Parent Workshop: Anxiety workshop II, Jan 2.
- HandS Meeting.
- Junior lunches and TCBY.

## **FEBRUARY**

- Annual Fran Lowry blood drive, February 3.
- Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Signed contract with Editions Vaudreuil.
- HandS Meeting.
- Junior lunches and TCBY.

## **MARCH**

- HandS News Newsletter, Issue 4.
- FundScrip Challenge until Mother's Day.
- HandS Meeting.
- Junior lunches and TCBY.

## **APRIL**

- Appreciation Week for bus drivers, caretakers, secretaries, daycare staff and librarians.
- Volunteering Matters Conference 2016 (attended: Sandra Gesualdi, Daphne Daifas and Claudine Dionne).
- HandS Hub at Junior School on portfolio day; FundScrip and SJF Apparel sale.



- Book Fair at Jr School on portfolio day.
- Notice of Hands AGM on bulletin boards and in April meeting agenda.
- Parent Workshop: Self Defence.
- QFHSA AGM: 'Hands Working Together for Education'. (attended: Sandra Gesualdi).
- QFHSA Awards Dinner: SJF Hands awarded the *Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award* for the SJF Annual Community Walk - submitted by Ericka Baron (attended: Lisa Marie Foye, Ericka Baron and Sandra Gesualdi).
- Hands Meeting.
- Junior lunches and TCBY.

### **MAY**

- Assisted with grade 4 vaccines.
- Mother's Day Flower Fundraiser.
- SJF Annual Community Walk Fundraiser.
- Kindergarten Orientation - H&S flyers included in the pkg.
- Executive Team Meeting.
- Hands AGM and regular meeting.
- Junior lunches and TCBY.

### **JUNE**

- Annual Family BBQ.
- Hands potluck Meeting.
- Organized Graduation Reception

### **Ongoing activities throughout the year include:**

- ❖ Born To Read book collection.
- ❖ Oliver's Labels for sale.
- ❖ FundScrip for sale.
- ❖ Decoration of four Hands bulletin boards.
- ❖ Lunches at the Junior School.
- ❖ TCBY for sale

### **SJF H&S by the numbers...**

- Over 145 volunteers
- 100+ books collected for Born to Read
- Hosted 4 Parent Workshops
- Ate 775 hamburgers and 55 dozen hotdogs at the Family BBQ
- 140+ donors at the Fran Lowry Blood Drive



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- 5 SJF HandS News Newsletters issues
- 1 Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award
- 10 HandS meetings
- 3 H&S Christmas Elves
- 665 really amazing students!

It has been a busy and fulfilling year for all those involved with Home and School this year. In meetings, many great ideas were shared and then so many volunteers brought those ideas to life. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside committed staff, involved principals and caring parents - a great community. Looking forward, this community can surely make a difference at SJF.

Sincerely submitted,

Sandra Gesualdi  
President 2015/16