



Parent School Council Annual Report 2016/2017

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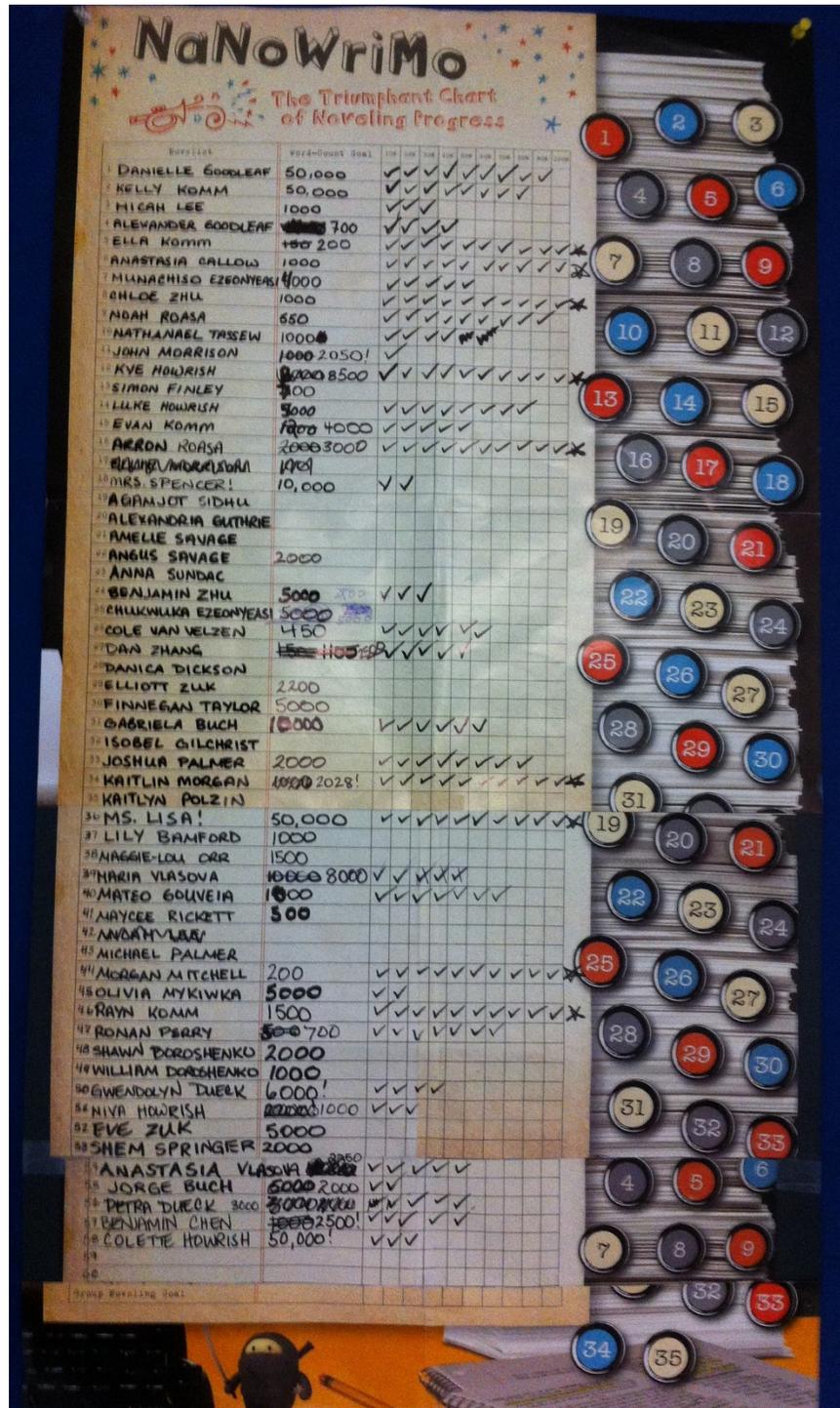
Suzuki Charter Parent School Council held 9 meetings, alternating between morning and evening, throughout the school year. The Council welcomed a new Secretary, and saw increases in attendance at several meetings. We were pleased to see new Suzuki families also attend regularly.

Highlights:

- Contacted the City of Edmonton to request no idling signage and provided families with informational brochures to support increased awareness of the issues regarding idling around a school.
- Parent Council co-chairs spear-headed a month-long literacy program with grades 3-6. National Novel Writing Month took place in November 2016 and more than 50 students, staff and parents participated to write and meet a word goal of their choosing. Write-In evenings were hosted at the school, tens of thousands of words were written, and a bound book featuring excerpts of several students, staff, and parents will be available in the SCS library after June 19th, 2017.
- Implemented a classroom representative program for sign-up of parents from each class on school council. Made increasing parent attendance a regular point to discuss.
- Parents were ecstatic to see and learn about varieties of tools students and teachers have at their disposal, such as new technologies, and inclusive education tools.
- Supported an evening family math night, and requested another APEGA science night.
- Parent council co-chair Danielle Goodleaf gave a wonderful Human Rights presentation to parents.
- Parent Council created and presented personalized appreciation gifts for the music faculty, based on words and sentences given by their students. We also worked with students to create meaningful appreciation gifts for the teaching faculty that were presented at the Parent Appreciation Tea.
- Members gathered parent volunteers, and participated to host End-of-the-Year Community BBQ.
- In response to parent concerns about parent awareness of the traffic flow, one of the goals of Parent School Council is to develop an exciting new map showing the traffic flow to unveil on the first day of school at the Parent School Council "Meet and Greet".
- Provided discussion and feedback on a variety of school topics including ex: Winspear concert, silent auction, evening family events, winter concert, fundraising, budgeting, and increasing parent involvement.

As requested, here are some photos from our successful year:

- From our NaNoWriMo project – a shot of the chart through the month, and several pictures from our write-in evenings:







- The cover for the bound book:



- Some pictures from the APEGA science night:





To begin the 2017/2018 school year, Parent School Council is once again planning a meet & greet for parents on the first day of school. We look forward to another exciting year of learning, music, and school community.