

**Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School  
Parents Organization  
Report for 2014 – 2015**

The PCHS Parents Organization (PPO) brings together people interested in enriching the school experience for both students and parents. We held meetings the first Tuesday of each month between October and June. In addition, some members of the PPO kept in touch via e-mail and were thus able to participate in discussions and activities. In all, approximately 15 parents were involved in the Organization during the school year.

**The PPO executive for 2014 – 2015:**

Co-chairs: Catherine Gratton and Trudie Mason

Treasurer: Penny Michael

Governing Board liaisons: Anita Ochs and Kathryn Hornby

Grad sub-committee co-chairs: Penny Michael and Paola Casale

Teacher Appreciation Week sub-committee chair: Carmela DiBenedetto

Recording Secretary: Trudie Mason

The goals of the PPO are to raise money for worthy activities and purchases while networking with members of the school community, helping out at some school activities, learning about important issues and providing feedback to the Governing Board and Administration.

**PPO fundraising activities for 2014 – 2015:**

Two pizza lunches

QSP magazine subscription sale

Sale of bottled water at school events

**PPO seminars for 2014 – 2015**

No admission fees were charged for the seminars in order to ensure that all parents would be able to attend.

- ⤴ “Guiding your student through school projects” with PCHS School Librarian Caroll-Ann Case.
- ⤴ “Angry Teenager or Teen Angst” with AMCAL

**PPO purchases for 2014 – 2015**

After covering the costs of the seminars, the PPO had about \$680 to disburse from its fundraising account. The purchases:

- ⤴ A bike rack for the exterior of the school
- ⤴ Lego for the library's new “Maker Space”
- ⤴ Games and puzzles for the Resource Room
- ⤴ Supplies for Teacher Appreciation Week
- ⤴ Cakes for the graduation night reception
- ⤴ “School Spirit Award” bursary for a member of the Class of 2015.

**PPO priorities for 2015 – 2016**

The PPO hopes to expand its membership and its fundraising activities. It also hopes to hold at least three free seminars for parents and finance three “School Spirit Awards” instead of one.

**The PPO can be reached at [pchspgo@hotmail.com](mailto:pchspgo@hotmail.com) and through its Facebook page.**

