

Why Participate on School Council?

Great Reasons to Join School Council:

- To support your child
- To get to know the community
- To help the students and staff
- To have an impact
- To be an agent for change
- To keep learning
- To be an advocate
- To donate your professional skills
- To assure progress
- To be informed of your school's environment
- To maintain an interest in education
- To be challenged
- To contribute to the school
- To model participation
- To demonstrate how values can be actions to your children

Why People Participate:

- To feel valued
- To be trusted
- To be listened to
- To be respected
- To have two-way communication and be inclusive
- To have growth opportunities
- To be recognized
- To feel supported
- To have fair expectations
- To feel connected
- To be an advocate
- To keep skills alive
- To be part of a team
- To learn something new
- To have impact
- To be challenged
- To assure progress
- To donate professional skills
- To make new friends
- To see that resources are well-allocated
- Because they were asked



Parental Engagement Checklist

I can be involved with my child and/or the school this year by:

- Assisting my child with homework
- Attending parent functions/events at the school
- Attending a school council meeting to advise on school related issues
- Attending school assemblies, shows or celebrations
- Supervising on a field trip
- Reading with students in the school
- Planning activities that support what my child is studying at school
- Helping to plan a school function with the school council or committee
- Sharing my interests or expertise with a class in the school
- Supervising a school dance
- Providing refreshments for a party or function
- Mentoring a student with similar interests to my own
- Sending a thank you card to the school custodian
- Leading an after school club
- Having lunch at my child's school
- Volunteering at track and field events
- Helping to build a playground
- Emailing my child's teacher to see how things are going
- Meeting the principal and office staff
- Volunteering at the school concession
- Translating the school newsletter for parents who don't speak English
- Reading my child's essay
- Working on the school website
- Attending a family dance
- Reading one of my child's textbooks
- Having family meetings to discuss school
- Meeting my child's school friends
- Carpooling kids in the neighbourhood to school
- Baking TGIF cookies for the staff room
- Being a crossing guard
- Helping with the Parent Parking Patrol
- Reading my child's homework/communication journal
- Meeting other parents in the school
- Tutoring students
- Bringing a family pet for a visit to the school
- Mentoring an immigrant family in the school
- Judging a science fair
- Learning more about provincial education

