



Balaclava Elementary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Every school in Ontario is required to have a School Council to work collaboratively with the principal to improve student achievement and to enhance accountability of the school with parents. Information about School Councils can be found here:

<https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/council02.pdf>

We welcome all parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on our School Council for the 2024-2025 school year. School Councils must hold annual elections to identify voting members and various positions such as School Council Chair. Elected members vote on School Council matters and represent the group's ideas and advisory suggestions for the principal. Please note that you do not have to be an elected member of the School Council to attend meetings. All meetings are open to all parents/guardians who wish to attend.

To declare your interest in becoming an elected member of the School Council, please complete the nomination form attached. You may also nominate another parent/guardian of a student at our school to become an elected School Council member. All nomination forms must be received by Thursday, September 19, 2024. Please note that you must attend the meeting on Monday, September 23, 2024 to be elected to Council. Please join us in the Balaclava School Library, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on September 23rd.

Please consider joining us on the School Council as an elected or general member, or consider attending meetings whenever you can. School Council involvement is a great way to support your child's education and we look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

Kristi Keery Bishop
Principal
Balaclava School