



Cootes Paradise Elementary School

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Cootes Paradise School Council 2017-2018

The Cootes Paradise School Council is an advisory group that allows parents the opportunity to provide feedback on school policies, e.g., the code of conduct, initiatives and programs. The School Council is mandated by the Ontario Ministry of Education and provides an opportunity for parents and community members to contribute to a positive school culture and student achievement. The School Council membership includes the school principal, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff and a community representative. Some of the activities that the CP School Council supports are the PRO grant, Home & School activities, community events and fundraising. This year's Annual General Meeting is Wednesday, September 27 at 7PM in the CP library. The meeting is held jointly with that of the CP Home & School Association. Meetings are held every 2 months and run for about 2 hours. School Council will send out updates through the School Council / Home & School tab on the CP School website. If you would like to run for a position or nominate someone for a position on School Council, please fill out the attached form and return it to the school office by September 13.

School and Classroom Organizational Changes

We have had a large number of new registrations at Cootes Paradise School this September and anticipate that changes will take place in classrooms from kindergarten to grade 5. Every year, the HWDSB looks at how many students have registered and are in attendance at each school and adjusts the staff and classrooms allocated to each school. In the primary classrooms, there is a cap on the number of students in a class as designated by the Ministry of Education. This will necessitate changes to our school and classroom numbers at the end of September. We will keep you updated as we are informed by the school board of changes that are to take place at Cootes Paradise School based on our increased enrolment.

Transportation

Bussing is provided for students who are not in walking distance of the school. Courtesy transportation applications are available for students who wish to take the bus once the eligible bus numbers have been finalized at the end of September. If you would like to apply for courtesy transportation, please pick up an application from the school office. Courtesy transportation begins the first week of October. Please note that courtesy seats can be revoked if students eligible for bussing move into the area.

Students can lose the privilege of riding the bus if they do not behave in a safe and respectful manner. The CP Code of Conduct applies to students riding the bus. Please check the HWSTS site for more information - http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/public_v2/index.aspx.