

Eastdale School Council Meeting October 26th 2020

Together we are Better!



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Agenda



Overview of School Council purpose, roles and responsibilities



Principal's Report (what it is)



Establishing our executive (who is doing what)



Meeting dates / times for the year



Next steps, goals for Council



Welcome!

- Who is here?
- Please introduce yourself when called upon and share:
 - Your name
 - Name of your child(ren) at Eastdale



School Council Goals and Priorities

- The purpose of a School Council is to advise the Principal regarding **educational priorities** and **student achievement** including areas of need.
- A priority of the Councils is to communicate and consult with parents about matters under consideration by the School Council and encourage participation of parents in the education system.
- Recommendations made to the Principal (and school board) should reflect the **general consensus** of the parent community and the well-being of **all students**.
- Help the Principal and staff develop the [School Improvement Plan](#) (SIP). A comprehensive guide to school improvement planning from the Ministry can be found in [School Improvement Planning: A Handbook for Principals, Teachers, and School Councils](#).
- Foster mutual respect and collaboration amongst members including Parent Members and School Staff.



Equity on Councils

- It is not about who shows up. It is about whether council has provided every parent the ability to participate in decision-making and priority setting.
- Ways of doing this? Consider surveying your families. Consult your Principal about the School Profile to learn more about your school community.



What's on Pause right now?

- Fundraising
- Field trips / excursions
- Volunteers in the school

Chair/CoChairs

- Set agenda in consultation with principal and Council members and distribute to school community ahead of the next School Council Meeting
- Chair all School Council Meetings
- Promote open dialogue between School Council members
- Create a positive environment in which individual contributions are encouraged and valued
- Facilitate conflict resolution when necessary
- Regularly communicate with the Executive regarding all School Council matters
- Complete an annual report on the activities of the School Council
- Consult with the principal, trustees, and board members on behalf of the Council as required
- Be responsible for the content and production or delegation of any official correspondence and communication of the School Council
- Be responsible that all School Council initiatives that are voted on are carried out as per the outcome of the vote
- Verify the Financial Report and ensure that it is available to any parent/guardian upon request



Vice Chair

The Vice Chair will assist the Chair in carrying out his/her responsibilities

In the event the Chair is unable to fulfill any of his/her responsibilities, the Vice Chair shall act as the Chair's designate

Assumes duties of the Chair in his/her absence

Treasurer

- Collect and count, with at least one other council member, all money raised during fundraising activities.
- Keep accurate and detailed records of the financial activities of School Council
- Be responsible to ensure best accounting practices are followed for School Council generated funds
- Provide a Financial Report to be shared at each School Council meeting and ensure that it is available to any parent/guardian upon request
- Cheque requests must be approved by the Treasurer
- Develop the school council budget in consultation with the Chair/Co-Chairs and Principal



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- Record and distribute minutes for all School Council meetings in a timely and accurate fashion
- Prepare and distribute the monthly newsletter in consultation with the School Council Executive

Establishing our Eastdale Executive

Who is doing what?


- Chair **Sasha Walsh**
- Co Chair(s) **Justine Brown/Jen Davis**
- Treasurer **Sez Nalsok**
- Secretary **Denielle Buttigieg**
- Teacher Rep **Allison Simpson**



Principal Report

Usually provides
update on Curriculum,
Operational, Facilities
and school purchases

Purchases so far...

- Additional equipment for Phys Ed
 - Pylons and marking paint
 - Math manipulative carts (P/J/I)
 - Edwin 6-8 eco system (on line texts)
 - Ordering print resources for literacy K-6
 - DRA Kits
 - Updating tech for staff & students (as some of our tech is on loan to families who are remote learning)
 - School Reorganization for November
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Thank you!

Students new to wearing masks

Supporting changes to drop / off dismissal

Being understanding with the protocol changes and parent portal

Supporting outdoor learning by sending students with appropriate clothing

Teacher Report

- Terry Fox Run
- Orange Shirt Day
- Virtual Assemblies
- Halloween
- Mascot



Next Steps

Date of next meeting?





Even
SUPERHEROES
Need Sleep