



Frank Panabaker Elementary School

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September 14, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

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:

<http://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 2021-2022 school year. Typically, School Councils meet in person on a regular basis to discuss school-wide interests and to make recommendations to the principal, however, this year, due to Public Health considerations, meetings will be held virtually.

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 School Council to attend meetings. All meetings are open to all parents/guardians who wish to attend.

To declare your interest to become an elected member on School Council, please complete the nomination form shared via email. 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 submitted by September 27, 2021 at 12:00 pm. Please note that you must attend the meeting on September 28, 2021, in order to be elected to Council. Our first meeting of this school year will be held virtually on September 28, 2021, at 6:30 pm via MS Teams. The nomination forms and the link to the meeting will be shared via email to all Frank Panabaker families.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Macqueen, Co-Chair
Mike De Maria, Co-Chair
Caitlin Evans, Principal
Gord Cook, Vice-Principal