



What is Parent (School) Council?

"The purpose of a school council is, through the active participation of parents, to improve student achievement and increase accountability of the education system to parents."

"Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, school boards, government, and the community."

- Government of Ontario website

How can I participate?

- If possible, **join parent council** as a member or executive and **attend meetings** that occur every 1-2 months
 - Option for **virtual** call in
 - **Childcare** is being looked into for 2024-25
 - Can also attend as **observer/non-member**
- If unable to join and/or attend meetings, still share your valuable **ideas, feedback, advice** with parent council executive or members
- Support **fundraising** opportunities
- **Volunteer** at events
- **Respond** to parent council requests for feedback, information, etc

Types of discussion topics at meetings:

- Advocating for return of **award assemblies**
- **Safety** and **well-being** of students and staff (e.g., deterrents for vandalism)
- **Academic success** of students (e.g., EQAO action plan)
- **Fundraising** ideas and planning
- Support for **nutrition** program
- Insight into **what's happening** at Mount Albion (e.g., extra curriculars, school trips, etc)
- Improving **communication** with parents
- Implementation of board **policies & procedures**
- In general, sharing a **parent perspective** on any discussion topic

2023-24 Parent Council Year in Review

20+ members (~2% of Mount Albion parent population)

5 meetings (link to meeting minutes - <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/mountalbion/school-council/meeting-dates-and-minutes/>)

1 fundraiser – **Purdy's Chocolates** which raised close to \$2,000!

1 event hosted – **Paul Davis** presentations on social media safety to both students (grades 1-8) and parents

Funds raised are also contributing to **grade 8 graduation** and **repainting lines on asphalt** (e.g., 4 square, hopscotch)

Please consider participating next 2024-25 school year in any way to make it the **best year yet for our kids and school community!**

To join, contact mountalbionsc@hwdsb.on.ca in September, and a form will be made available to complete



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller