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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – SEPT 19 2023



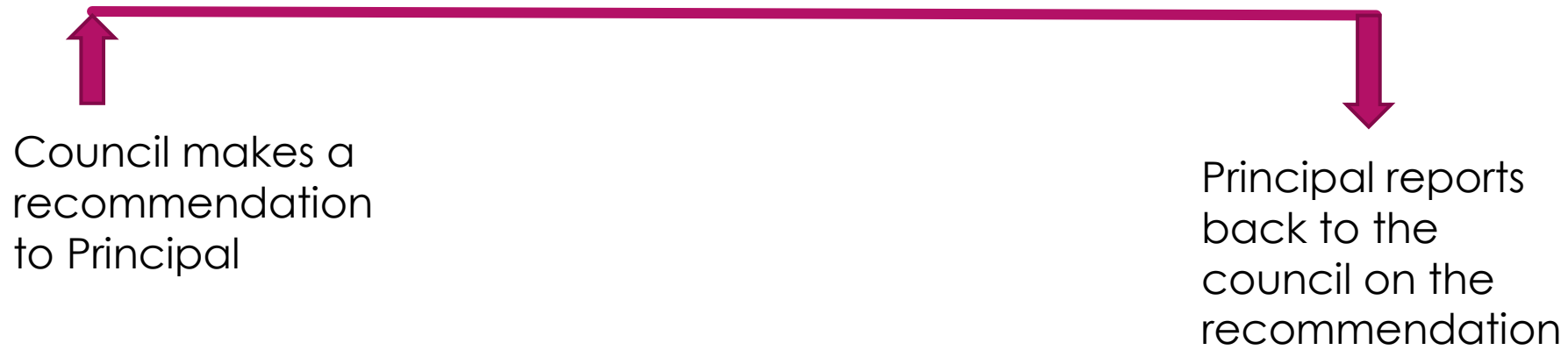
School Council Roles and Responsibilities

Purpose of School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees

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

Reg. 612 of the Education Act

Recommendations to Principal



The role of School Council

- School councils serve in an **advisory capacity** to the school Principal, and the Board to promote continued excellence in education, placing the overall interest of students first.
- School councils engage parents in their child's learning and provide a powerful network of support.
- Through the active participation of parents, school councils work to improve student achievement.
- School councils participate in fundraising initiatives to help raise funds for overall school needs.

Code of Ethics for School Council Members

Sample from School Councils: A guide for members: Ministry of Education, 2002

A MEMBER SHALL...

- ▶ Consider the best interests of all students.
- ▶ Be guided by the school's and the school board's mission statements.
- ▶ Act within the limits of the roles and responsibilities of a school council, as identified by the school's operating guidelines, the school board, and the Ontario Ministry of Education.
- ▶ Become familiar with the school's policies and operating practices and act in accordance with them.
- ▶ Maintain the highest standards of integrity.
- ▶ Recognize and respect the personal integrity of each member of the school community.
- ▶ Treat all other members with respect and allow for diverse opinions to be shared without interruption.

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- ▶ Encourage a positive environment in which individual contributions are encouraged and valued.
- ▶ Acknowledge democratic principles and accept the consensus of the council.
- ▶ Respect the confidential nature of some school business and respect limitations this may place on the operation of the school council.
- ▶ Not disclose confidential information.
- ▶ Limit discussions at school council meetings to matters of concern to the school community as a whole.
- ▶ Use established communication channels when questions or concerns arise.
- ▶ Promote high standards of ethical practice within the school community.
- ▶ Declare any conflict of interest.
- ▶ Not accept any payment or benefit financially through school council involvement.

Composition of School Councils

- ▶ Parents
- ▶ Principal
- ▶ Teacher employed at the school
- ▶ Employee of the school, other than teacher, principal or vice-principal
- ▶ Community member appointed by other members of the council
- ▶ Parent members must comprise a majority of the council



Roles of various council members

School Council Chair or Co-Chair – elected position

- ▶ Must be a parent or parents who are not employed by the school board.
- ▶ The chair/co-chairs are voting members who, in addition to performing the same duties as other council members, might:
 - ▶ arrange for meetings;
 - ▶ prepare agendas;
 - ▶ chair council meetings;
 - ▶ ensure that minutes of council meetings are recorded and maintained;
 - ▶ facilitate the resolution of conflict;
 - ▶ participate as ex-officio members of all committees established by the school council;
 - ▶ communicate with the school principal on behalf of the council.

Principal's responsibilities to school council

The principal of a school shall consider each recommendation made to the principal by the school council and shall advise the council of the action taken in response to the recommendation.

Reg. 298(11)(18) Education Act

School Principal

- ▶ Distributes promptly to each council member material identified by the ministry for distribution to school council members and posts the material in a school location accessible to parents;
- ▶ Acts as a resource to the council on laws, regulations, and board policies;
- ▶ Attends all school council meetings, unless this responsibility has been delegated to the vice-principal;
- ▶ Considers each recommendation made by the school council to the principal and returns to the council with the action taken in response to the recommendation;
- ▶ Solicits views on matters pertaining to the establishment or amendment of **school policies** and guidelines relating to student achievement, accountability of the education system to parents, and the communication of those plans to the public;
- ▶ May participate on any committees established by the school council;
- ▶ May solicit the views of the school council on any matter;

School Staff

- ▶ Contribute to the discussions of the school council;
- ▶ Solicit views from their staff groups to share with the school council;
- ▶ May participate on any committees established by the school council;

Community Member

- ▶ Contributes to the discussions of the school council;
- ▶ Represents the community's perspective;
- ▶ May participate on any committees established by the school council;
- ▶ Helps build partnerships and links between the school and the community;

Suggestions for the initial steps for School Council

- ▶ Elect a council chair/co-chair, Treasurer, Secretary
- ▶ Engage in setting goals and develop an action plan for the school year
 - ▶ Aligned with school board policies and improvement plan
 - ▶ Aligned with the school improvement plan for student achievement and wellness

Dates for School Council Meetings:



Questions?
Elections

School Report - Admin

- ▶ School population increasing
- ▶ 380 students

Administration Report:

- ▶ 18 Homerooms
- ▶ 2 Portables
- ▶ 13 Educational Assistants
- ▶ 3 Early Childhood Educators
- ▶ 22 Teachers
- ▶ 1 Student Monitor
- ▶ 2 office administrators
- ▶ 3 custodians
- ▶ Students: 380
- ▶ PUP 1 and PUP 2 Special Education Programs

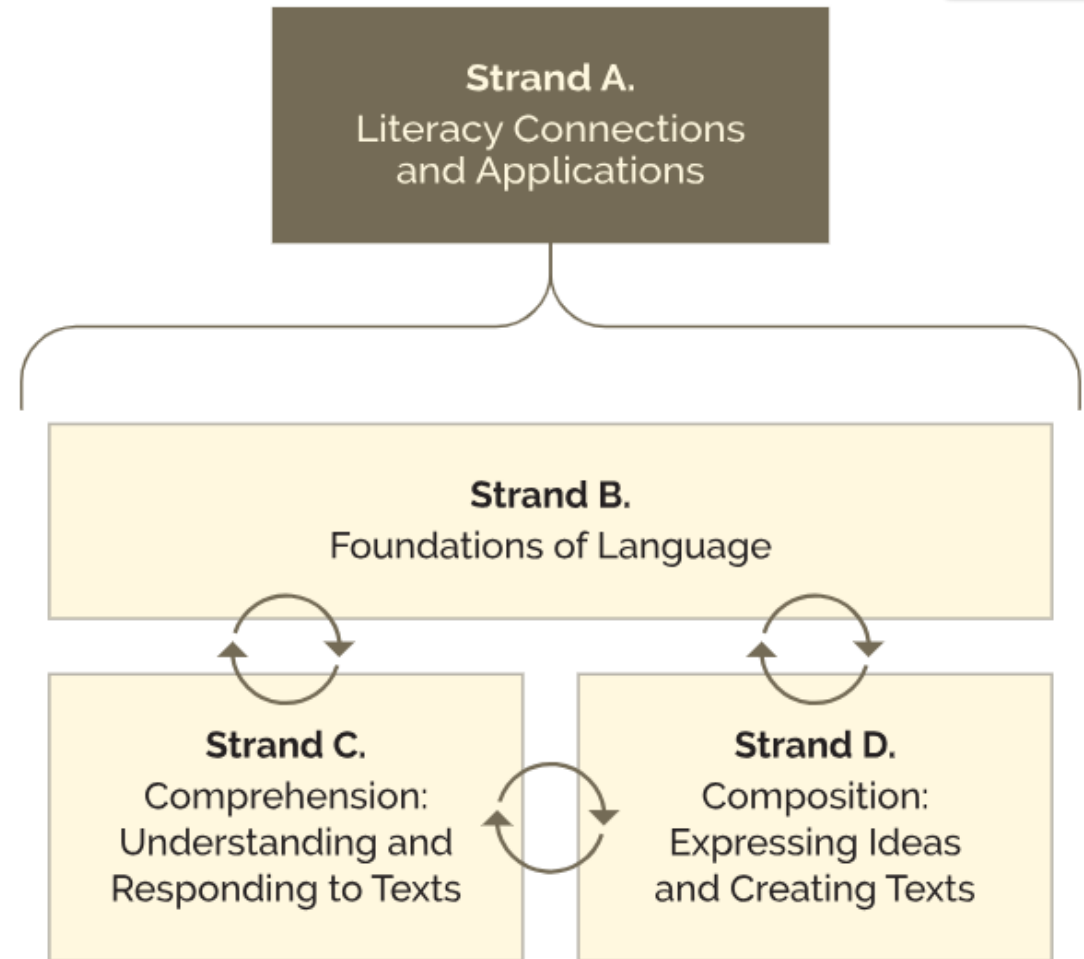
New Schedule for 2023-2024



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| 9:20-9:40 20 minutes | Recess & Breakfast Program |
| 9:40-12:10 | Instructional Block A |
| 12:10-12:50 40 minutes | Lunch/Recess |
| 12:50-2:50 | Instructional Block B |
| 2:50-3:10 20 minutes | Recess |
| 3:10-3:40 (30) | Instructional Block C |

New Language Curriculum

▶ [Language \(gov.on.ca\)](http://Language.gov.on.ca)



- ▶ Goals for this school year:
 - ▶ Continue with
 - ▶ Real-World Learning opportunities,
 - ▶ Literacy and numeracy foundations
 - ▶ health nutrition focus,
 - ▶ mental health and well-being
 - ▶ Student leadership
 - ▶ Thank you volunteers – volunteers need a VSC on file before they can volunteer
 - ▶ Literacy and Math - currently staff are doing baseline data collection