

SCHOOL COUNCIL PURPOSE - TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND ENHANCE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM TO PARENTS.

Ontario Education Act Regulation – School Councils

Regulation 612/00 confirms that school councils are advisory bodies and clearly states that they may make recommendations to their principals or school boards on any matter.

School Council Purpose;

(1) The purpose of school councils is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.

(2) A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations in accordance with this Regulation to the principal of the school and the board that established the council.

School councils are able to make recommendations to their principals and school boards on any matter.

Principals and school boards, in turn, must consult with school councils on a variety of matters that affect student learning. They must also consider recommendations made by school councils and report back to the councils on how they plan to act on their advice.

Incorporation Regulation 612/00 prohibits school councils from being incorporated. A school council already belongs to a corporation, that being the district school board that established the council. School councils are advisory groups to their principals or to their boards; they have been established to provide one way for parents to express opinions about how to improve student achievement and to ensure that parents can actively participate in the education of their children at the local level. This mandate does not require any additional legal status.

School Council Topics/ Areas of Focus

- ☐ School growth plan (School Improvement Plan)
- ☐ School code of conduct(reviewed and/or revised)
- ☐ School Dress Code(reviewed and/or revised)
- ☐ School council bylaws, School council election procedures (reviewed and/or revised)
- ☐ Determine use of Base Mobilization and Outreach Funds (Parent Involvement Funds)
- ☐ School program and curriculum priorities
- ☐ Healthy schools and student nutrition
- ☐ Safe school issues and/or strategies
- ☐ School budget
- ☐ School timetabling, scheduling , staffing
- ☐ Student achievement and provincial assessment(EQAO, math and literacy testing)
- ☐ School council profile, principal profile, vice-principal profile
- ☐ Provide input to TVDSB policies, procedures
- ☐ Community Use of School Facilities
- ☐ Developing & promoting communication strategies,
- ☐ Preparation/revision of school profile or website
- ☐ Extracurricular activities in the school (sports, clubs, etc)
- ☐ School accommodation (closures, additions, student enrollment, etc)
- ☐ School facilities and grounds