



### Council Roles:

Co-Chairs	Brandi Schroeder Michelle Adams
Vice-Chair	Tannis Bo
Secretary	Natalie Pentney
Treasurer	Katie Mayer
Volunteer Coordinators	Amal Jomaa Arlene Abboud
Library Coordinator	Monica Webster
Yearbook Committee	Lee-Ann Tai Chris Kelly
Special Lunches	Tannis Bo
CPF	Lori Champagne
Long-Term Planning	Frankie-Lou Nelligan
Bulletin Board	Katie Dawes
Spirit of Caring	Chelsea Bowie
Hot Dog Lunch	Kirsten Hunter

### 2017-2018 Meeting Dates

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 1:00 pm

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 1:00 pm

No Meeting in January

February, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 1:00 pm

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 1:00 pm

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 @ 7:00 pm (AGM)

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 1:00 pm

# School Council

The role of School Council is advisory in nature. Topics that the administration present and discuss at meetings are the School Education Plan, additional school funding, special events, academic programs, and achievement results. School Council is an excellent opportunity to discover what is going on in your child's classroom, grade level, school, and school division.

School Council oversees many fundraising events for Elbow Valley. Our Special Lunch Program, Mabel's Labels and Mathathon are all examples of fundraising that is organized and lead by School Council and volunteers. Friends of École Elbow Valley Elementary School (FEEVES) also do additional fundraising, such as the Casino, on behalf of the school. Our next Casino will take place November 2017. All money raised goes toward enrichment activities as well as purchasing additional educational resources for our school. Books, robotics, technology, playground maintenance, and indoor gardens are all examples of what School Council fundraising has helped the school purchase.

## Parents *Can* Get Involved!

All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend School Council meetings. The meetings are held once per month (except January), they alternate between evenings and afternoons, and are generally one and a half hours in length. Parents are welcome to bring children with them to the meetings if need be.

The meeting agenda is posted on the exterior of the office door and the kindergarten door one week prior to each meeting date. If you are not able to attend a meeting, the minutes are posted on the school's website.



## Why should parents get involved?

Parents' involvement with School Council, by holding an elected position or by attending the monthly meetings, has many benefits. Firstly, it is an excellent way to meet other parents and get to know the community. Secondly, it provides an ideal opportunity to meet the staff, administrative and teaching, responsible for your child's education. Overall, you will gain a greater understanding of the matters important to our school.

## How can parents get involved?

Parents and Guardians can get involved by attending the monthly meetings, volunteering in your child's classroom, assisting on field trips, helping in The Learning Commons (Library), becoming a class volunteer representative, as well as volunteer for school-wide events. School Council holds a *Volunteer Workshop* in September for all parents, which will help you navigate all the various volunteering opportunities throughout the school.

Research has shown that, although teachers play a crucial role in a students' educational development, effective parental involvement at all grade levels can help increase student achievement, improve attendance, reduce dropout rates, and increase community support for the school.<sup>1</sup>

1. The Learning Team, Volume 10, Number 1, Fall 2006. "Parents and teachers as partners: a success story for students?" Author: Samantha Kapler

Please feel free to contact any of the following people if you would like to volunteer or if you have questions:

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