

November School Council Questionnaire

29 respondents

Do you feel informed about your child's progress and achievement?

19 yes

10 no

If so, what strategies is your school employing?

- Communication with teachers
- Powerschool
- Emails
- Report cards
- Rubrics, graded assignments sent home
- Student led conferences
- Weekly updates from teachers
- Monthly newsletters
- Notes in agenda
- Open door policy
- Remind Ap
- Teachers making time to correspond with parents

What strategies would you like to see employed?

- *more specifics for what child is currently working on in class + feedback(This month...)
- student led conferences are not helpful. Would prefer progress updates from teacher
- more communication from teacher (agenda, email, meetings)
- email, agenda, website, aps.
- More comments sent home
- Powerschool (see notes below)
- Longer conference times
- Return to actual marks and report cards
- Parent conferences to speak how student is actually performing compared to grade level.
- **More feedback when students are receiving extra support
- Proper parent-teacher interviews – candid conversations when kids aren't present
- *Updates/notes in daily agenda where teacher and parents sign daily

Notes: Powerschool will help with many of these concerns. In January we will be fully engaged in powerschool, which will enable teachers to insert all assignments, with feedback and marks. This will help parents stay up to date on what and how their child is doing in school.

How does your child's school involve you in the decisions that affect your child?

- Phone
- Email
- Direct communication with teacher (face-to-face)
- They don't
- Parent council meeting surveys
- Limited direct input as curriculum determines the path
- Notes in agenda
- Volunteering in class
- Open invitation to council meetings
- Newsletter
- School is lacking in this area
- VLOGS
- Good communication on a school wide level, less on a one-to-one level.

What steps could RVS schools take to improve parental involvement in the decision-making process about their children?

- Great job already
- Provide input at council meetings
- Share post-decision assessments
- Express additional transparency on outcomes to help people understand why direction was taken?
- School council have focus nights
- School council have important decisions sent through teachers
- Communication through email
- Adequate opportunities for parental involvement
- More options for school council times
- Ask
- Class Dojo
- Powerschool
- Enrichment opportunities
- Emails from RVS a couple of times per semester.
- Ask more questions about curriculum and planning for future.

Notes:

Some comments seemed to be directed more to school, as opposed to RVS. We did share all feedback at the RVS joint school council meeting, to ensure all voices were heard.

Powerschool is coming! See comments above.

We have changed the structure of School council this year. We add in items to be discussed on our agendas, and are hoping to not only post the agenda outside the school, but email it to parents before meetings so they are aware of what specifically will be discussed.

We have afternoon and evening meetings, to accommodate both parents who don't the ability to come at night, and those who work through the day.

Open Floor: Start giving parents an opportunity to bring their comments/concerns to school council; give parents a platform to become involved and be heard.