School Council Annual Report

School and Council Information

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CEC	N	*Role on Council*	Administrator ▼
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A. Parent, Family and Community Engagement

In this past year, to what extent did your school council engage in the following activities that supported parent, family and community engagement?

	Great extent	Moderate extent	Slight extent	Not at all
a. Workshops - hosted, supported, presented - for information / learning, e.g., mental health campaign presentation, Math strategy presentation	○	◉	○	○
b. Social events, e.g., cultural celebrations; spring fairs; etc.	○	○	○	◉
c. Out going communications to parents, e.g., flyers, newsletters, e-bulletin, e-mails	○	◉	○	○
d. In coming communications/requesting input from parents, e.g.,survey, focus groups	○	○	◉	○
e. Support from parents to the school, e.g., fundraising activities	○	○	○	◉
f. Support for parents from the school, e.g., translations in meeting	○	○	◉	○
g. Specific strategies to improve engagement or involvement of parents, please explain: community/family e-bulletin every two weeks	◉	○	○	○
h. Other:	○	○	○	○

B. School Climate

School climate is an essential component of parent/family engagement and well-being. Please answer the two sections below as they correspond to the areas of positive school climate and areas of challenge or concern.

In this past year, to what extent did your school council get involved in the following activities that supported the building of a positive school climate?

	Great extent	Moderate extent	Slight extent	Not at all
a. Physical environment improvement efforts, e.g., school grounds improvement, signage, carpeting playground	○	○	◉	○
b. Environmental initiatives, e.g., eco-league, tree planting, beautification, outdoor classroom	○	○	○	◉
c. School safety, e.g., traffic issues, yard safety and supervision, restorative practices, anti-bullying initiatives	○	○	◉	○

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d. School spirit and student social events, e.g., lunches, spirit events, assemblies, collaborative community events, field trips, extracurricular activities.	○	○	○	◉
e. Healthy Living and Wellness activities, e.g., athletic programs, healthy school initiative, healthy snacks, hot lunch programs, lice screening	○	○	○	◉
f. Appreciation events, e.g., student recognition, staff recognition, community recognition events	○	○	◉	○
g. Improvements to programs, e.g., technology, equipment, arts program, workshops	○	○	○	◉
h. Strategies to better include students (equity and inclusive learning environment)	○	◉	○	○
i. Character Education activities	○	○	○	◉
j. Collaboration with local business and organizations	○	○	○	◉
k. Other:	○	○	○	○

Please check any challenges the school council experienced this year (Please check all that apply):

- ☐ Governance (School Council Executive)
- ☐ Code of Conduct
- ☐ Conflict Resolution
- ☐ Constitution
- ☐ Relationships
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☑ Other: Few parents interested in being involved
- ☐ No Challenges

C. Diverse School Community

In this past year, to what extent did your school council follow the guiding principles in the building of a diverse school community?

	Great extent	Moderate extent	Slight extent	Not at all
a. Respecting different cultures, e.g., multicultural, cultural sensitive	○	◉	○	○
b. Reducing barriers, e.g., culturally responsive pedagogy; language, special needs, socio-economic, funding support	○	◉	○	○
c. Respecting faith-based practices in planning events, e.g., observances and practices	◉	○	○	○
d. Increasing diverse representation on school council	○	○	◉	○
e. Providing multi-lingual resources, e.g., newsletters; interpreters; translators	○	○	○	◉
f. Other:	○	○	○	○

D. Fundraising

Was your School Council involved in fundraising activities during this past year?

E. Recommendations on Stewardship of Resources

To what extent do you see the need for the Board to allocate additional resources in your school?
e.g., E.S.L., Special Education, Technology, Staff Professional Development

	Great extent	Moderate extent	Slight extent	Not at all
a. Staff professional development (e.g., special needs training, mental health support training, lunch room attendant training, math and technology, first aid, anti-bullying initiatives)	●	( )	( )	( )
b. Supports for special needs students (e.g., staff training, assistive technology, other resources and more materials)	( )	●	( )	( )
c. Supports for English/French Language Learners (e.g., staff training, assistive technology, other resources)	( )	( )	●	( )
d. Technology resources or programs, e.g., cost-sharing, computers, laptops, iPads, DocCam, SmartBoards	( )	●	( )	( )
e. Literacy resources or programs, e.g., books, library resources, Home Reading Program, Forest of Reading	( )	( )	●	( )
f. Science/mathematics resources or programs, e.g., equipment, Scientists in the School, robotics club, math manipulative	( )	( )	●	( )
g. Arts resources or programs, e.g., costumes, musical instruments, art supplies	( )	( )	●	( )
h. Healthy/active living resources or programs, e.g., hot meals, sports equipment, lice check , outdoor learning environment/classroom, Eco-Challenge, Healthy Eating Program, mental health workshop, water bottle filling station	( )	( )	●	( )
i. Classroom/teacher resources, e.g., fund for teacher use, early years resources, teacher/class websites, indoor board games	( )	( )	●	( )
j. Support field trips, e.g., transportation, ways to identify students	( )	( )	( )	●
k. School site improvements, e.g., beautification, painting, furniture purchase/repair, playground equipment	( )	●	( )	( )
l. Support for school events, e.g., transitions events, information evenings, guest speakers, fundraising, school magazines, community BBQ, Family Nights, Welcome to Kindergarten, Graduation, fun fair	( )	●	( )	( )
m. Supply teachers, e.g., for athletic events and competitions, release time	( )	( )	●	( )
n. Equity and inclusivity, e.g., subsidizing field trips for disadvantaged students, special needs supports, multicultural events, food bank, community resource fund, Angel Fund – money for families who cannot afford school related costs	●	( )	( )	( )
o. School safety and spirit, e.g., anti-bullying events/programs, yearbook, student recognition awards	●	( )	( )	( )
p. Other:	( )	( )	( )	( )

F. Additional Support and Training

To what extent did you RECEIVE additional support or training for your council THIS school year?

	Great extent	Moderate extent	Slight extent	Not at all

	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Not needed
a. Collaboration, e.g., to network, share, or interact with other school councils, building community partnerships	( )	( )	( )	(●)
b. Guidance on recruiting new School Council members, e.g., parents, teachers, volunteers	( )	( )	(●)	( )
c. Guidance on how to involve parents, e.g., understanding cultures, translating documents, interpreters, sensitivity training	( )	( )	(●)	( )
d. Guidance on increasing new parent volunteers, e.g., recognition of volunteer efforts, training for volunteers	( )	( )	( )	(●)
e. Opportunities (& Financial Support) to attend School Council / Board Forums, Conferences, Workshops on topics of interest	( )	( )	( )	(●)
f. Training / Information and strategies for increasing effectiveness of School Councils, e.g., to support School Plans, understanding of school programs	( )	( )	( )	(●)
g. Training / Information and strategies for better understanding of school programs, e.g., anti bullying, internet safety, Character Education, Equity and Inclusivity	( )	( )	( )	(●)
h. Training in fundraising and planning fundraisers, e.g., negotiating with others, ideas for fundraising, do's and don'ts, guidelines on fundraising	( )	( )	( )	(●)
i. EcoSchool Initiatives, e.g., Ontario EcoSchools Program certification, tips on supporting environmental programs in schools	( )	( )	( )	(●)
j. Other:	( )	( )	( )	( )

Think about the additional support or training you would like to receive for your school council NEXT school year. Please indicate your needs in the following areas:

	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Not needed
a. Collaboration, e.g., to network, share, or interact with other school councils, building community partnerships	( )	( )	( )	(●)
b. Guidance on recruiting new School Council members, e.g., parents, teachers, volunteers	( )	(●)	( )	( )
c. Guidance on how to involve parents, e.g., understanding cultures, translating documents, interpreters, sensitivity training	( )	( )	( )	(●)
d. Guidance on increasing new parent volunteers, e.g., recognition of volunteer efforts, training for volunteers	( )	( )	( )	(●)
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h. Training in fundraising and planning fundraisers, e.g., negotiating with others, ideas for fundraising, do's and don'ts, guidelines on fundraising	( )	( )	( )	(●)
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j. Other:	( )	( )	( )	( )

G. Any other comments

Your feedback or suggestions: