

"What Do You Do?"

As members of your school council, we are often asked "What do you do?"

Well, it's simple. We solicit money and volunteers and use that money and those volunteers to provide support for activities and resources that support the educational experience and development of our students.

School Council Corner

FUNDRAISING

*Since 2010, with the contributions of our student families, faculty, and community partners,
your school council has raised more than **\$62,000!***

TECHNOLOGY

In the past 5 years we have contributed over **\$33,000** towards updated technology including:

- ♦ Netbooks and Laptops ♦
- ♦ Smartboards ♦
- ♦ Document Cameras ♦
- ♦ iPads and Cases ♦

ARTS & MUSIC

Funds raised have been used to support our arts and music programs:

- Djembe Drums ▪
- Band Instruments ▪
- New Sound Board ▪
- Dance Week ▪

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are key to our success. Each year we rely on dozens of volunteers to support school events such as:

- ★ Welcome Back BBQ ★
- ★ Parenting Seminar Evenings ★
- ★ Yearbook Design ★
- ★ Holiday Bazaar ★
- ★ Graduation Planning ★
- ★ Hot Lunch Days ★
- ★ Family Movie Nights ★
- ★ Dance-A-Thon ★
- ★ Bake Sales ★
- ★ FUN FAIR ★

DONATIONS

Thank you for your donations to our events, bake sales & auctions!

LITERACY & MATH

We have supported various literacy and math programs including:

- Author Visits (Andrea Beck & Kevin Sylvester) ▪
- Mathletes ▪
- Family Literacy Night ▪

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The school council has sponsored several upgrades for our PE programs including:

- ♦ New Gym Equipment ♦
- ♦ Replacement Curtains ♦
- ♦ New Team Uniforms ♦
- ♦ JungleSport ♦

GENERAL SUPPORT

Your council is also responsible for supporting many annual events around the school:

- ★ Graduation ★ You're the Chef ★ Playground Upgrades ★ Yearbook ★ Seminars ★

WE NEED YOU NOW, MORE THAN EVER!

Our playground requires rejuvenation and will need to be replaced in a few years. Costs to replace it have been estimated at around **\$120,000**. Much of our fundraising over the next few years will be focused on this priority as it continues to be a hub of the RL Graham community.

Our first **FUN FAIR** was held June 11th, 2016 and **raised over \$8000** for the playground!

Please let us know how you can help with this year's fun fair. We will need:

- ♦ Cash Donations ♦ Prizes ♦ Games ♦ Volunteers ♦ Vendors ♦ Entertainers ♦ MORE! ♦

Please check the school newsletter, Facebook site, or school website for School Council meeting dates.

Our Mission

Through strong moral character, we will strive to be an enthusiastic assembly actively participating in the safety, growth and development of the character and minds of our pupils with team spirit and a partnership between all staff, students and community.

*School
Council
Corner*

HOW DO I JOIN COUNCIL?

- ✓ Attend the first School Council meeting on September 29th, 2016 and express your interest to be a Parent/Guardian Representative or Community Representative.
- ✓ If you wish to fulfill an elected position on Council, submit your nomination form to the school (available in the start of year information package) before the first Council meeting.
- ✓ Contact School Administration for more information.

Council Membership

- **Parent/Guardian Representatives** – minimum of 6 needed to discuss and vote on resolutions raised by the Council, school Administration, and the Community.
- **Community Representatives** – up to 4 members from the local community (businesses or individuals) who do not have students at the school.
- **School Representatives** – Principal, Vice-Principal, Teacher Staff Representative, Support Staff Representative, Student Representative.

Elected Council Positions

- **School Council Chairperson(s)** – Plan and facilitate Council meetings, liaise with school staff, oversight of all Council functions including sub-committees, reporting on Council activities.
- **Treasury Liaison** – Liaise with school administration to track and report on all Council finances and approved expenditures and prepare the annual report for YRDSB.
- **Fundraising Chairperson(s)** – Coordinate fundraising events and lead the team of fundraising volunteers.
- **Secretary** – Record and distribute all Council meeting minutes.

Council Sub-Committees

★ Fundraising ★ Graduation ★ Fun Fair ★ Healthy Schools ★ Eco Schools

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VOLUNTEERS

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Parent/Guardian and Community volunteers (including students) are encouraged to volunteer and welcome at any time. Please speak to School Administration or contact a Council representative after the elections are complete.