

Getting to Know Your School Advisory Council

At Wellington Heights Public School we work hard to provide a meaningful and enriching learning experience for all of our students. To accomplish that goal we rely on a group of hardworking and dedicated volunteers who are committed to making Wellington Heights a place where both students and staff can excel and enjoy meaningful experiences. The Wellington Heights School Advisory Council (SAC) acts as an advisory council to the school from a parent and community perspective.



Who is SAC?

The SAC is a committee comprised of parent volunteers who along with the principal and a teacher representative discuss issues facing the school; share ideas on ways to enrich the academic, athletic and social experiences for all students; raise funds to ensure all students have access to technology, programs and events; and help build mutual understanding between the school and the parents and community. An effective advisory council can play an important role in the success of students and the school. All parents are welcome to join the SAC and attend meetings.

"I want to teach my children about good citizenship and helping our community."

What is our purpose?

"I've found being a member of SAC keeps me informed about what's happening at the school."

Our main purpose is support. Our top priority is to support all of the students in achieving academic success, experiencing an enriching school environment, and having access to technology, programs, events and athletics. We also support the teachers and staff in helping to provide those enriching experiences and achieving overall school success.

The SAC also supports parents and the broader school community through the sharing of information and by providing insight to the learning objectives of the students as well as the focal point of the curriculum and activities the students take part in.

We have established goals for this year, which are listed on the reverse.

What do we do?

The SAC provides support and advice in setting school priorities for improving student achievement and promotes meaningful parental and community involvement. While SAC offers insights, information and a parent or community point of view on school issues, ultimately the school is both responsible and accountable for all decisions that are made.

The SAC also undertakes several fundraisers throughout the school year to help pay for items that are not provided through provincial or school board funding. In the past our school advisory councils have paid for playground equipment, risers, subsidized school trips, purchased technology and brought special guests into the classrooms.

SAC has also funded the end of year barbecues and taken on many volunteer roles within the schools, most notably organizing and serving the hot lunch program.

"As a working mom, I joined SAC because it gives me the opportunity to help out since I can't volunteer in the classroom."

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What are our goals?

The Wellington Heights school community is very fortunate to have a brand new and beautiful school building. Because of the new construction that took place over the summer of 2017 our school building is not only beautiful but features some amazing, up-to-date technology. Students and staff are still discovering all that our new building has to offer and as we live in our new building there will certainly be some needs that crop up. SAC plans to be in a position to help with the long term acquisition of resources and equipment for use by students. For example, now that all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 are in the same school and on the same playground, we're looking at ensuring there are appropriate spaces for all age groups to play and learn. We would also like to take advantage of our beautiful grounds with an outdoor learning centre. These are some of the ideas we have identified as possible priorities for SAC moving forward.

Helping to subsidize school trips is always a priority for SAC as it helps ensure all students can take part in educational and enriching experiences outside of the classroom. SAC is also committed to helping cover the costs of extra-curricular activities of all kinds including uniforms, buses to events and tournaments and substitute teachers required to release school staff who are supporting students participating in extra-curricular events, athletics, choir, and science, math and technology competitions.

Join Us!

All parents are welcome to join SAC and attend meetings. We always appreciate new voices, different ideas and more volunteers.

SAC is led by a chair (or co-chairs) who presides at all meetings, provides leadership, works in cooperation with the principal to prepare written agendas and appoints temporary or standing committees as needed. The chair also serves as our spokesperson.

We have a treasurer who processes and records all financial transactions on behalf of SAC, prepares a monthly financial report and presents it at the meetings and reconciles all accounts. The secretary provides a copy of the complete minutes of the meeting to the chair and principal for distribution to the council members, provides a copy of minutes and correspondence to the School Administrative Assistant to maintain a council file in the school's administration office and maintains a list of the council membership with current email addresses. There are also SAC members who take the lead on major initiatives including fundraising, the hot lunch program and the yearbook.

SAC usually meets once a month during the school year and meetings generally last an hour or hour and a half. Meetings follow an agenda, which is set by the chair and principal, and focus on discussing upcoming fundraisers or events or issues facing the school community. All parent voices are appreciated and respected at SAC meetings and there is always an opportunity to bring up concerns, issues or new ideas. The focus of all meetings is always what is best for the students and the school.

To learn more, or join the school advisory committee
please attend our next meeting which will be held
Tuesday, January 23 starting at 6:30 p.m.
in the school learning commons.

All parents are welcome to attend and child care is usually provided.

For more information about SAC, you can contact
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