



## **PRAIRIE SPIRIT SCHOOL DIVISION**

*Learners for Life*

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### **School Community Council Information for Candidates**

The School Community Council is a primary link between the home, community and school. Prairie Spirit believes that involvement with School Community Councils is a rewarding and meaningful activity for parent and community members.

The purpose of School Community Councils is to:

- Support student learning success and well-being; and,
- Encourage parent and community involvement and engagement in the school.

School Community Councils provide mechanisms for parents and community members to support and influence the work of the school and to channel advice to the Board of Education and others. The focus of the SCC is student learning and well-being. The challenge for the SCC is to engage the parents and community with the school in a meaningful partnership that supports their shared responsibility.

#### **School Community Council responsibilities**

Councils are accountable to their community. Responsibilities of the Council include:

- Understanding their community;
- Supporting parent and community involvement in the school;
- Advising the Board and school as outlined in the Board of Education School Community Council Policy;
- Working with the School to develop, support and provide advice to the Learning Improvement Plan;
- Helping parents find ways to support their children's learning;
- Reviewing extra-curricular school activities approved by the principal and Student Council members;
- Advising and approving fundraising activities in the school; and
- Reviewing student fees to ensure alignment with Board of Education directions.

#### **Council member responsibilities**

Your role as a Council member is to build shared responsibility among parents, the community and school for student learning and well-being. In addition, your role is to lead parent and community involvement in school planning and improvement.

The term of office for Representative Parent and Community Members is two (2) years with no limit on the number of consecutive terms that may be served.

As a Council member you might expect to...

- Attend meetings from September to June as determined by the Council calendar;
- Engage in the work of the Council such as:
  - Supporting and advising the development of the Learning Improvement Plan with the staff of the school;
  - Developing, leading and taking action on Council initiatives to help families support their children's learning;
  - Providing advice to the school, Board of Education and other community organizations and agencies, as outlined in Board of Education policy;
  - Providing advice for school fundraising activities, school fees and the student code of conduct;
  - Reporting to parents and community on Council progress; and,
  - Working with other Council members to learn more about the role of the Council and how to fulfill its responsibilities.

In order to run for election to your local SCC, you must be a parent of a student in the school or live in the school attendance area. Contact the school's principal for more details.