

MISSION

The mission of the Bears paw School Council is to support the academic, physical and emotional well-being of all students, and to promote an effective learning environment in partnership with students, staff, parents and the community. School Council strives to provide the advice and support needed to offer each student the best education possible.

VISION

The vision of the School Council is to foster an effective, positive, respectful and safe learning environment that enables our students to achieve their full potential.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

All School Council Members shall:

- accept that School Council is a cohesive unit. Once an issue is decided on in Council, it is the responsibility of individual members to publicly support the decision of Council;
- be guided by the mission statement and vision of the school;
- represent a constituency (parents, teachers, the community), and be responsible for determining and representing the views of his or her constituency to the Principal, the School and School Council;
- promote a positive atmosphere where individual contributions of all School Community members are encouraged, valued and respected;
- apply democratic principles;
- be responsible to base all of his or her deliberations and actions on the interest of the common good of all students and to act in the best interests of all students;
- acknowledge that effective partnerships are built on understanding, trust and mutual respect and these are best fostered by open and respectful communication;
- declare any conflicts of interest;
- accept no remuneration for School Council activities

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Bears paw School Council, in keeping with the School Act and the School Council Regulations are as follows:

- to advise the Principal on matters relating to the School such as school philosophy, programs and directions, and budget allocations to meet student needs;
- to facilitate an environment that supports our vision and mission statements;
- to promote and encourage an inclusive environment for School Council meetings. School Council Meetings are open to the entire School Community thus allowing members of the School Community to ask questions and have input in the decision making process;

- to facilitate communication, planning and resource allocations to ensure completion of priority programs that are needed to meet the expectations of our School Community;
- to work, in cooperation with the Principal, to communicate our school's needs to our elected Trustee;
- to provide positive recognition to volunteers within our School Community;
- to support School activities in the following capacities: advisory, consultative and participatory.