

Please Join us for School Council Elections for the 2017-2018 School Year!

School council elections for the 2017-2018 school council will be held September 18, at 6:30 P.M in the school library.

Our school council must have a minimum of 9 members. Including:

- A minimum of 5 parents/guardians of students who attend the school
- A minimum of 1 community representative who is appointed by the school council
- The school principal
- A teacher elected by his/her peers
- An administrative staff member elected by his/her peers

How do we Make Decisions?

We work collaboratively and make decisions by consensus or voting on BPS Council matters. When voting at a meeting, we have quorum when the majority of current members are present at the meeting and the majority present are parent/guardian members.

While all parents/guardians are welcome at any meeting (in fact, we strongly encourage it!), it's important that those who sign up as members attend most meetings.

How Can I Contribute?

We welcome new volunteers! Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Chair or join a BPS Council committee: special events committee, communications committee, fundraising committee
- Chair, treasurer, secretary, and other positions as needed.
- Represent our school council as part of the Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC)

What Can I Expect if I Join School Council?

On the first Monday of every month, we meet in the school library. We follow an agenda to discuss actions from the previous meeting, receive an update from the principal, and the teachers' representatives. We do a round-table with key council members, concerning upcoming events and initiatives.

What Kinds of Initiatives have you Organized in the Past?

Past initiatives have included:

- Monthly *Dinner & A Movie* in the school gym.
- Annual Howl-A-Ween Dance and bake sale.
- Annual Walk-A-Thon
- Presentations on nutrition and healthy eating

- Annual end of year school BBQ
- Providing funds to the school iPads and Chromebooks, cultural events, supplies for special classroom projects, and library books
- Fundraising events

What If I Want To Hear The Latest News But Don't Want to Be a Full Time Member?

We encourage you to come out and join us at an upcoming meeting! You don't need to be a member of the School Council to join us. At a typical meeting you will:

- Hear the latest updates from the principal and the teachers' representatives
- Find out what's going on at the Ottawa Carleton District School Board
- Be a part of discussions with the principal, vice-principal, teachers' representatives, and your fellow parents
- Give your input into how School Council funds are directed
- Be given the opportunity to join the School Council or act as a volunteer

If you'd like to be more involved, or even if you just want to drop in and listen, we encourage you to stop by!