

École Edwards Elementary

2014-2015 School Council Plan

May 2014



LEARN...SUCCEED...LEAD
APPRENONS...RÉUSSISSONS...DIRIGEONS

Foundation Statements:

Vision:

Together we . . . LEARN, SUCCEED, LEAD
Ensemble nous . . . APPRENONS, RÉUSSISSONS, DIRIGEONS

Mission:

To build a culture of respect, collaboration, and communication between parents, staff, and administration that supports and enhances student learning.

Beliefs/Principles:

Come to Edwards to find the leader in you.
Leave with the tools to be a leader for life.

- **We believe** that effective communication is critical to our ability to succeed in enhancing and supporting student learning
- **We believe** all parents are leaders to their children and have an integral role in creating and participating in the school community
- **We believe** that partnership with school administration is essential and that school council should represent and mirror the culture of our school and our community
- **We believe** that school council business and activities should be carried out with the highest level of cooperation and transparency
- **We believe** that the purpose and value of school council is the meaningful involvement of its members – the parents

École Edwards School Council 2013/2014 Accomplishments:

- Completion execution of School Council plan and OP, and regular school council meetings
- Presentations by administrators and staff on: 21st century learning, Leader in Me, assessment, mathematics
- Creation of regular School Council updates in school newsletter, School Council brochure, and Facebook page
- School culture activities including: staff appreciation dinners, pizza lunches for kids, silent auctions, student care committee, and Bug Dance
- Regular communication between School Council executive and administration to prioritize fundraising goals and align monthly priorities
- Contribution to learning tools including sensory buckets for each classroom, physical education equipment for each classroom,

School Council Plans and Strategies

The mandated role of school council is to enhance and support student learning.

Therefore, our plan is integrally associated with the École Edwards School Education Plan and wherever possible and appropriate, school council strategies are similar to or supportive of the school education plan strategies.

Goal	Strategies	Measures of success
Create an effective and sustainable school council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a yearly School Council Plan in accordance with the Edwards School Education Plan • Maintain Operating Procedures and Policies to reflect the needs of the current School Council executive and membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review School Council Plan and Operating Procedures with parent input in May, 2015.
Increase parental understanding of school learning and culture initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations about 21st century teaching/learning/assessment at school council meetings • Presentations (council meetings or separately on matters concerning parents including Leadership, use of technology (including classroom wikis, blogs, google docs and portfolios), and internet and physical safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite one student led classroom visit by December 2014 • Actively participate in school organized parent-information nights throughout the year • Prepare a yearly meeting plan to include special presentations on topics of interest to parents
Inform school council members and school community about school council roles and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication via newsletters, bulletin, school council pamphlet and social media sites such as Facebook & Twitter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send monthly school council email bulletin prior to meetings inviting input and questions on an ongoing basis • Coordinate with administration to regularly update the Edwards Twitter site in coordination with the Facebook page
Continue ongoing committee work to enhance and support student learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help the school to grow the digital FI resources for staff and parents through fundraising events • Enhance student experience and sense of community within our school • Support school staff and administrators in school culture activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-wide Movie Night fundraiser to be held in September, 2014 • School-wide Bug Dance fundraiser to be held in May, 2015 • School-wide Silent Auctions for school community based prizes (example: front-row concert tickets) • Promote and participate in (when possible and requested) school culture activities including SEEDS foundation work, school outreach projects (including Terry Fox, GEAR, and Adopt-a-Family), and AMA patrollers

Budget Highlights

2013/2014 Fundraising Contributions to École Edwards Elementary School		
Item	Details	Cost
French Culture Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Les Bouchérons • Sugar Shack 	\$4725
Razz Kids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-wide subscription 	\$1346
Sensory Buckets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One bucket for each classroom 	\$4144
Physical Education Equipment		\$8000
Staff Appreciation Dinners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two dinners during Student Learning Showcases in November and March 	\$756
Student Care Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had \$871.00 in donations from the 2012/13 school year 	\$761
Total Proposed Cost of Goals		\$19732

Approved by École Edwards School Council:

Chairperson

Print Name

Date

Secretary

Print Name

Date

Principal

Print Name

Date