

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 2017/2018 Accomplishments:

- Complete execution of the School Council plan, operating procedures and regular school council meetings.
- Presentations by administrators and staff on BOKS program, Technology in the Classroom, Anxiety in Children, SEP, Grade reports.
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- School culture activities including: Welcome BBQ, Staff appreciation days, Fun Lunch for learners from Healthy Hunger, French Culture week, Silent Auction, Family Dance
- Regular communication between School Council executive and administration to prioritize goals and align monthly priorities
- Fundraising money used for French Culture week activities, Sound Creations (Hip Hop dance instruction during gym class), Evergreen Theatre production, Active

living days at Genesis Place, Calgary Reads membership, Camera for ZOOM (online accessibility for council meetings)

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	Action Plans
Create an effective and sustainable school council	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	Review School Council Plan and Operating Procedures with parent input in April 2019.
Increase parental understanding of school learning and culture initiatives	Presentations on relevant school initiative to keep parents informed of new developments Support School-run presentations to parents for example Literacy, Leadership, Mind up, etc.	Actively participate in school organized parent-information nights throughout the year (for example, Kindergarten Orientation) 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	Communicate regularly with parents to keep them informed of upcoming events and past successes and volunteer opportunities	Send monthly school council blog entry to admin prior to meetings inviting input and questions on an ongoing basis Coordinate with admin to regularly update the Facebook page, School Blog and Remind. Offer online access to school council meetings using zoom.us
Continue ongoing committee work to enhance and support student learning	Seek to recruit a fundraising leader to head a fundraising sub-committee Gather feedback from school admin regarding where raised funds should be directed Enhance student experience	School-wide Silent Auction for school community based prizes (example: front-row concert tickets) to be held during Student Led Conferences in October 2018

