



Driftwood Park School Council 2015-2016

Welcome to Driftwood Park from the School Council!

School Council is a group of volunteer parents, who alongside school administration and staff, bring a community support and perspective to the school in order to enhance and support school planning and achieve educational goals. This means that our dedicated group of parents work very hard all school year long to raise money to support extra-educational activities, provide extras for the school community and to plan events to foster a caring and inclusive community at the school!

Driftwood Park School Council raised money in several fundraisers throughout the past year:

Big Box of Cards: money raised went to support transportation costs associated with field trips

QSP (magazines): money raised supported the "Breakfast Club" at Driftwood

Move-a-thon: money raised was directed to the Playground Fund to support the building of a new playground in the yard

As part of our community-building, the School Council planned and hosted a movie night, a skating evening and a wonderful multi-cultural event in late April that was really well-attended and received many positive comments! School Council also publishes a newsletter entitled "Parent to Parent" a few times a year as a way to keep in touch with the school community. At the end of the year, members of council hold a Staff Appreciation Day for all of the school staff to enjoy.

Driftwood Park School Council meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month (except in December) in the library at the school. The meetings begin at 6:30 pm and end around 8:00 pm; there are sometimes snacks to be shared (depending on who has baked) and we've been known to share a laugh or two!

The first meeting of this school year will take place on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2015. This meeting will begin by finishing off last year's business and the setting of the executive positions for the 2015-2016 School Council. I encourage you to attend this meeting if you are interested in being a voting member on the school council (we are required by education legislation to vote when spending money that has been fundraised). Only those present at the first meeting of the year can be eligible for voting membership; however, anyone can attend a council meeting at any time of the year, regardless of whether he/she attended the September meeting. We recognize that busy family life can prevent parents from attending monthly meetings, so we ask that only those parents who are interested in committing to attending the meetings on a monthly basis sign-up to be voting members.

Driftwood Park School Council Meeting Dates September 2015-June 2016

September 23, 2015

October 28, 2015

November 25, 2015

January 27, 2016

February 24, 2016

March 23, 2016 (council has in the past voted to cancel the March meeting, stay tuned)

April 27, 2016

May 25, 2016

June 22, 2016

Please add these dates to your calendars for easy access! Agendas and minutes will be posted to the school website as they are available and under the heading "School Council".

Please don't hesitate to contact the school council with any questions or concerns you have by either emailing the council chairperson or by leaving a note in the office.

Hope to see you on Wednesday, September 23rd!

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2014-2015 Driftwood Park School Council Chair