

# Welcome to Groh Public School's – School Council

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We would like to extend a special invitation to all of our parents who would like to attend our monthly School Council meetings. Being a new school in the community, this affords us the unique ability to set goals and directions for not only this year but for years to come. We are always looking for new and fresh ideas to help support and enhance the learning environment of our school.

## **What is the role of a school council?**

A school council is an advisory body that functions within the parameters of the Ministry of Education and Board Policy. School councils provide an opportunity and a means to advise the principal and the Board on any matter pertaining to improvements of student achievement and enhancing the accountability of the education system to parents/guardians. The ultimate responsibility for the administration and management of the day to day operation of the school rests with the principal.

At Groh Public School, we are hoping to have a large and active school council. We would like our school council to accomplish many things over the years to enrich the lives of our students, staff, families and community. Generally in the past, school councils have run successful fundraising efforts that are used to support events and purchases beyond the school's budget. This includes such things as supplementing off campus trips, technology and supplies for the classroom, theatre presentations, library materials, playground equipment, trees and greening projects.

## **Who can participate?**

All parents and community members are welcome to attend our school council meetings. They are also eligible to become voting members of school council by contacting the office to show an interest and attending monthly meetings. Elections for executive positions and voting members are held in September of each school year. If you are interested in being a voting member of the School Council, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by September 20th.

## **When does School Council meet?**

Meetings are **tentatively** scheduled for the third Thursday of every month. The dates are:

September 21st	October 19th
November 16th	January 18th
February 22nd	April 19th
May 17th	June 14th- second Thursday

School Council meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Please join us at 6:30 for a coffee with other parents. Babysitting will be provided.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at the school.

Yours truly,  
Helmut Tinnes  
Principal