



## KEATSWAY SCHOOL COUNCIL – DID YOU KNOW?

The Keatsway School Council meets monthly during the school year. A major role of School Council is to create a level environment for all students in terms of opportunities, field trips and activities available. The meetings provide the opportunity to share information and provide parent input to school, School Board and Ministry of Education programs and plans. The mandate of the Council is to provide parents/guardians with the means to advise the principal and the board on ideas, which lead to improving learning opportunities for students. Keatsway School Council also provides support for the students through fundraising activities. All Keatsway parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. Community members, including parents of children who will be attending Keatsway in the future, are also welcome at all meetings.

Involvement need not be a major time commitment and can occur at any time throughout the school year. It might mean attending some or all of the meetings, helping out with a fund-raising event, joining a committee, or simply reviewing the meeting agendas and minutes and providing some feedback where appropriate. It can be done during or after school hours, or from home.

### WHY GET INVOLVED IN KEATSWAY'S SCHOOL COUNCIL?

- Research has shown that parental involvement in their children's school is a major factor in the children achieving their best. Involvement in the School Council is a way to show your son or daughter how much you value his or her school and education.
- The school principal and teacher representative report at every meeting on activities and programs at Keatsway and in the school system – this is a great way for you to keep informed as a parent.
- Parents have the opportunity through the School Council to influence decisions made by the administration at Keatsway, the School Board and the Ministry of Education.
- Meetings are informal, with free babysitting, and it's a great way to get to know other parents.
- Through its fundraisers, School Council pays for important materials and activities at Keatsway. Without the work of parent volunteers, many students would miss out.

### WHAT DOES SCHOOL COUNCIL HELP FUND?

- Playground equipment
- Field trips
- Grade 6 activities such as Grade 6 Camp, Ski Trip, and Farewell Ceremony
- Home Reading books
- Science Fair
- Physical Education equipment
- Gardens
- Special projects (past projects include Nature Garden labyrinth and technology purchases)
- Special events and assemblies
- Principal's Discretionary Fund (for students in need)



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