



A Note from School Council...

Welcome back Mackenzie King! And welcome to the new Mackenzie King families that have joined us this year! We are looking forward to having you as part of our school community. Below is an introduction to School Council and inviting you to become more involved in your child's education. School Council is a group of parents/guardians who meet once a month, along with the school Principal and a Teacher representative, to discuss school related issues and create community involvement within the school. If you are new to the school and/or have yet to attend a School Council meeting, please consider joining us!

Why be involved? *Parent engagement matters. Study after study has shown us that student achievement improves when parents play an active role in their children's education, and that good schools become even better schools when parents are involved. It is recognized that parent engagement is a key factor in the enhancement of student achievement and well-being.*

What is the purpose of a School Council? *The Mackenzie King School Council is an advisory body which functions within the parameters of Ministry of Education and Board policies and procedures. The School Council, through the active participation of parents, will strive to assist school staff in improving pupil achievement by providing financial support where possible, make recommendations to the Principal and enhance the accountability of the education system as a whole.*

What does the Mackenzie King School Council do?

There are many initiatives that School Council has coordinated for the school, such as:

- Fundraising
- Parent Workshops
- Inquiring Minds Exhibition
- **Friday Pizza Program**
- World Book Day
- Grant applications
- Family Math Nights
- **Festive Family Fun Night**
- Greening Committee
- Family Movie Nights
- Family Literacy Nights
- Classroom funding
- Year End School BBQ
- **Book Fair volunteers**

How Can I Join School Council?

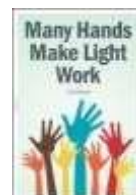
Attend monthly council meetings when it fits your schedule. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month (however this year we are combining the Sept and Oct. meeting and holding it on October 12th from 6-7:30pm in the school library). Please see complete schedule below. Email us at: MKschoolcouncil@gmail.com if you have any questions.

What if I can't attend meetings, but want to be involved?

There are many ways you can be involved with Council without attending monthly meetings:

- Communications (Facebook, printing correspondence, event flyer design, Twitter)
- Join the Greening Committee and be a part of improving our outdoor space
- Pizza Friday volunteers(Friday's from 1-2pm)
- Event planning & help during events
- Strong Start Reading program volunteer
- Fundraising
- Volunteer in your child's classroom and MUCH more!

In order for these programs, initiatives and events to continue to be brought to our school we need new and on-going participation. There are also "behind the scenes" help that is needed if attending meetings or helping with any of the above is not an option for you. For more information, please email us at:MKschoolcouncil@gmail.com



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

You're invited to join us at our monthly School Council meetings. These are held once a month in the school library from 6-7:30pm and are a relaxed and informal setting. The date of our first school council meeting is:

Wednesday October 11, from 6-7:30pm

At this first meeting elections will take place. Nomination forms have been sent home recently and are used to elect members. Extra forms can be picked up from the main office during school hours OR downloaded from School-Day or the school website: <http://mck.wrdsb.ca/school-council/>. Here, you will also find information pertaining to our School Constitution and Bylaws which gives clarification on the election procedure and who can vote.

Please Note: Anyone who wants to be an elected member of Council must attend the October 12th meeting.

We'd love to see some new (and returning of course) faces at our monthly parent council meetings. It is not mandatory to attend every meeting. Come when you can! Please know, there are no commitments necessary. You are welcome to attend meetings merely to gain knowledge about this great little school have the advantage of learning about many aspects (i.e. upcoming fundraisers, events, future plans for the school, various school information, etc.) of your school. Your input is valued and we're always looking for new ideas and different ways to get our school community involved!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

2022/2023 MEETING DATES



October 11
November 8
December 13

January 10, 2023
February 14
March 13

April 10
May 8
June 12

You are encouraged to reach out and contact Council if you have any questions about the upcoming school year and/or Council's involvement. We value your input and would love to hear from you - whether it's questions, feedback from an event, a suggestion for another initiative, to volunteer some time or to simply stay connected by being added to the email list – please don't hesitate to email us at: MKschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Wishing you and your family a memorable school year,

Mackenzie King School Council

STAY CONNECTED...! Lots of ways to stay informed

1. **Online** - Mackenzie King School Website www.mck.wrdsb.ca
2. **Facebook** - Mackenzie King School Council
3. **Email** - School Council email list for event reminders, tips, and meeting minutes: MKschoolcouncil@gmail.com (Please email us to be added to this list)
4. **Twitter** - @mckwrdsb