

WE NEED YOU – THE PARENTS OF BROOKLYN PUPILS

Please become involved with the school by offering your time and skills on the School Planning Council.

What is the School Planning Council?

Well the history of this Council is that SPCs were legally mandated July 01, 2002 and recently updated in September 2010.

The creation of SPCs formally acknowledges the importance of parental involvement in improving student achievement by formalizing the role of parents in all schools in British Columbia.

"A School Planning Council must consult with the parents' advisory council during the preparation of the school plan."

The SPC is an advisory body.

The major responsibility of SPC is to consult with the school community in developing, monitoring, and reviewing school plans for improving student achievement.

"A SPC must prepare and submit to the board a plan for the school in respect of improving student achievement and other matters contained in the board's achievement contract relating to the school."

The School Planning Council provides advice to the School Board with respect to:

- Allocation of staff and resources in the school
- Matters contained in the board's accountability contract

- Educational services and educational programs in the school.
- Student safety including the installation and operation of video surveillance cameras
- The annual schedule of school fees
- The class size and composition of the school

The School Planning Council does not engage in discussion or provide advice regarding:

- Personal/confidential information on students, teachers, parents, or other employees
- Complaints about individuals.

So what are School Plans?

School plans focus on specific areas of student achievement.

Student achievement includes intellectual, human, social, and career development.

The primary focus of the school is on intellectual development. School plans should reflect the context of the school and the full range of students served.

What is a School Community?

The school community consists of all parents, students, administrators, teachers, and support staff.

It is important that the SPC be proactive in reaching out to all members of the school community when developing school plans. School plans reflect

the characteristics, values, and needs of the school community.

What is the structure of the SPC?

The SPC consists of:

- The school principal
- One teacher representative elected by secret ballot
- Three representatives elected by secret ballot from the school's Parent Advisory Council (one representative must be an elected officer of the Parent Advisory Council)
- One student (secondary schools only) elected by the Student Council

How can I become involved?

Please speak to Principal Berry for more information and thank you