

# Westmount School Council

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## What is school Council?

School councils consist of:

- A majority of parents
- Principals
- Teachers

School councils are advisory bodies and will provide advice to the school Principal and, where appropriate, to the school board on any of the matters that the council has identified as priorities.

Parents actively contribute to the success of the school community by contributing knowledge, perspective, and ideas at school council meetings and through other methods established by the school council, including, but not limited to, participating in:

- Surveys.
- Focus groups.
- Committees.
- Projects teams.
- Volunteer activities.

**“Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning.”  
William Arthur Ward**



### School Council Priorities

2023 - 2024

- Develop school council plan & identify priorities to align the objectives of school council with the school & divisions 3-year plan.
- Maintain, review & update school council operating policy.
- Develop a new member orientation for elected council members when vacancies arise.
- Increase awareness of school council and engage member participation.
- Identify needs and facilitate in-services, learning workshops etc. that assist parents in the education of their children.
- Network with other school councils.

# How can you as a parent support Westmount School Council & what may you gain?

## *Contributions*

- Contribute knowledge, perspectives & ideas through school council meetings and through activities such as surveys, focus groups, committees, and projects.
- Volunteer specific professional skills, talents or experiences which would support your child's education i.e. support development of newsletters, social media updates, translation services, survey development, engage volunteers, support school council plan development, meet and greet parents.

If you are unable to attend school council meeting please forward ideas, suggestions to

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## *Gains*

- Be part of a team.
- Feel connected, valued & trusted.
- To learn something new.
- To be an agent for change.
- Feel challenged & learn new skills.
- Be involved in the community & make new friends



