



This brochure has been created to give you information about School Community Councils.

The Durham District School Board encourages you to consider becoming a member of your School Community Council.

Your partnership is essential in working together to improve student learning.

WHAT IS THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE?

The Parent Involvement Committee is a regional committee that supports SCCs by providing them with resources and professional development. The committee is comprised of parents throughout the Durham District School Board, trustees, community members, school and board staff.



Special Thanks to
**Durham District School Board
Parent Involvement Committee**

Thinking about becoming a member of your School Community Council?

For more information contact your school principal or the Superintendent of Education responsible for SCCs.

(905) 666-5500

PARENT RESOURCES

www.ddsb.ca

(Choose Parents, then Parent & Community Involvement in Schools)

www.edu.gov.on.ca

www.eqao.com

www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/



SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS

A great way to be involved in your child's school

QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL?

The School Community Council (known as an SCC) is a group of interested parents, school staff and community members who work with the principal as an advisory group to support the students of the school.

WHAT DOES AN SCC DO?

SCCs support student achievement by advising the principal of the school on all matters related to the school. SCCs communicate information to the parent community regarding specific school issues. (i.e., Healthy Snacks Program)

DOES MY SCHOOL HAVE AN SCC?

Yes, every publically funded school in Ontario has an SCC.

HOW OFTEN DOES THE SCC MEET?

** All parents and guardians are welcome to attend all meetings.*

SCCs meet at least four times each school year, but many meet more frequently.

CAN I GO TO MY SCC MEETINGS?

Yes, all meetings are open to the public, but you must be a member of the SCC to vote. Meeting dates and times are established at the beginning of the school year. Please look on your schools website, newsletters or phone the school office to find out the meeting dates.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF MY SCC?

** All parents and guardians are welcome to attend all meetings.*

Complete a nomination form, and return it to the principal at the start of the school year. Elections for the executive parent members, if necessary, will be held during the first month of school.

WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO IF I BECOME A VOTING MEMBER OF THE SCC?

You should plan to attend all SCC meetings during the year and participate in the decision making conducted by the SCC. In addition, many SCC's help initiate and support the Parent Reaching Out (PRO) grants.



WHAT DO I GET OUT OF MY INVOLVEMENT IN THE SCC AT MY CHILD'S SCHOOL?

Members of the SCC stay in touch with what is happening at the school. The role of SCC members is to act as an advisory group, supporting the decisions of the school administration on matters pertaining to School Improvement Planning for Student Achievement and Well-being (SIPSAW).

DO SCCs REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SCHOOLS?

SCCs have organized and supported programs such as (but not limited to):

- Family Literacy & Math Nights
- Home Reading Programs
- Breakfast and Healthy Snack Programs
- Take your Parents to School Days
- Fund-raising Projects

SCCs can support and recommend the schools administration team and school board on a variety of issues including (but not limited to):

- School Improvement Planning for Student Achievement and Well-being (SIPSAW)
- Student Code of Conduct
- Board Policies and Procedures which may affect students (i.e., playground equipment)
- Allocating of fund-raising profits