

Checklist for School Council Effectiveness

Participate in Planning providing advice on:

- School's education plan
(yearly goals that support core beliefs, mission or vision)
- Program priorities
(curriculum emphasis, options - drama, music, languages)
- Budget allocations
(resources that support education plan)
- School policies
(student policies, homework)
- Inservice for parents and other council members
(professional development workshops, etc.)
- School board policies
(e.g. special needs)
- Alberta Education curricula changes, regulations and projects (through ASCA)

Facilitate Communication

- Involve the school community in important decisions
(through forums, newsletters, surveys, bulletin boards)
- Ensure parents and teachers are working in partnership to enhance student learning
(classroom newsletters, classroom meetings, student planners)
- Provide time for committee, district or provincial (ASCA) reports at council meetings
- Share information with other school councils in the area
(division-wide, groups of School Councils)
- Network with other school councils and provincial education organizations
(ASCA membership, AGM, annual Parent Conference)

Evaluation

- Success in meeting school education plan
(does school's plan, mission and vision still reflect the needs of school community? achievement targets - were they supported? met? realistic?)
- Results of special projects (e.g. literacy program, homework program)
- School board's success at supporting its schools
- Provincial Government's success at supporting excellence in its public education system (through ASCA)