



LEARN...SUCCEED...LEAD
APPRENONS...RÉUSSISSONS...DIRIGEONS

Foundation Statements:

Vision:

Together we . . . LEARN, SUCCEED, LEAD
Ensemble nous . . . APPRENONS, RÉUSSISSONS, DIRIGEONS

Mission:

To build a culture of respect, collaboration, and communication between parents, staff, and administration that supports and enhances student learning.

Beliefs/Principles:

Come to Edwards to find the leader in you.
Leave with the tools to be a leader for life.

- **We believe** that effective communication is critical to our ability to succeed in enhancing and supporting student learning
- **We believe** all parents are leaders to their children and have an integral role in creating and participating in the school community
- **We believe** that partnership with school administration is essential and that school council should represent and mirror the culture of our school and our community
- **We believe** that school council business and activities should be carried out with the highest level of cooperation and transparency
- **We believe** that the purpose and value of school council is the meaningful involvement of its members – the parents

École Edwards School Council 2014/2015 Accomplishments:

- Complete execution of the School Council plan, operating procedures and regular school council meetings
- Presentations by administrators and staff on: Reading week, technology in the classroom, internet safety and digital citizenship, learn to read a COSL, Green school information, numeracy
- Creation of a new School Council brochure, Remind texting system and the take over of the School Newsletter by our secretary
- School culture activities including: Movie night, Christmas Market. staff appreciation days, Fun Lunch for learners from Healthy Hunger, French Culture week, Silent Auction and Bug Dance
- Regular communication between School Council executive and administration to prioritize goals and align monthly priorities
- Contribution to learning tools including items for sensory buckets, Hockie stools, Razz Kids subscription, Dare to Care presentation, French Culture week activities and literacy tools

School Council Plans and Strategies

The mandated role of school council is to enhance and support student learning. Therefore, our plan is integrally associated with the École Edwards School Education Plan and wherever possible and appropriate, school council strategies are similar to or supportive of the school education plan strategies.

Goal	Strategies	Measures of success
Create an effective and sustainable school council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a yearly School Council Plan in accordance with the Edwards School Education Plan • Maintain Operating Procedures and Policies to reflect the needs of the current School Council executive and membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review School Council Plan and Operating Procedures with parent input in April 2016.
Increase parental understanding of school learning and culture initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations about 21st century teaching/learning/assessment at school council meetings • Presentations (council meetings or separately on matters concerning parents including Leadership, use of technology (including classroom wikis, blogs, Google docs and portfolios), and internet and physical safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite one student led classroom visit by December 2015 • Actively participate in school organized parent-information nights throughout the year (Leader In Me, Math Night) • Prepare a yearly meeting plan to include special presentations on topics of interest to parents
Inform school council members and school community about school council roles and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication via newsletters, bulletin, school council webpage and social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send monthly school council email bulletin prior to meetings inviting input and questions on an ongoing basis • Coordinate with administration to regularly update the Edwards Twitter site in coordination with the Facebook page
Continue ongoing committee work to enhance and support student learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help the school to grow the literacy and numeracy resources for staff and parents through fundraising events • Enhance student experience and sense of community within our school • Support school staff and administrators in school culture activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-wide Catalog fundraiser to be held in October 2015 • School-wide Bug Dance fundraiser to be held in May, 2016 • School-wide Silent Auction for school community based prizes (example: front-row concert tickets) to be held during Student Led Conferences in October 2015 • Community Christmas Market to be held in December 2015 • Promote and participate in (when possible and requested) school culture activities including, school outreach projects (including Dare to Care, Terry Fox, GEAR, and Adopt-a-Family, Ride of the Mustangs, PACE), and AMA patrollers • Fundraiser for Learning Commons

Budget Highlights

2014/2015 Fundraising Contributions to École Edwards Elementary School		
Item	Details	Cost
French Culture Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Les Bouchers • Sugar Shack 	\$4,040
Razz Kids & Reading A-Z	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-wide subscription 	\$3,720
Sensory Buckets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear muffs, Hokkis stools, 	\$6,772
Literacy aids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic • Curriculum Plus • Literacy Dice 	\$5,180
Staff Appreciation Dinners		\$ 774
Dare to Care presentation		\$1,900
Total Proposed Cost of Goals		\$22,386

Approved by École Edwards School Council:

Chairperson

Print Name

Date

Secretary

Print Name

Date

Principal

Print Name

Date