



Building Strong School Councils

A Special Event for School Council Members and Principals

Parents Engaged in Education cordially invites all School Council Members and Principals to an event planned especially for parent leaders in recognition of their outstanding contributions to our schools.

Date: November 30, 2015

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Location: University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus
1265 Military Trail, Scarborough, Ontario
Bldg. AA Arts & Administration Rm. AA112**

This free event features keynote speakers:

Roy Fernandes

Principal, BA Honours, MEd

“Math Past, Present and Future”

Theresa Pastore

*“Parent Engagement in School Councils Recruiting and
Retaining Members”*

See reverse for brief biographies of our speakers.

Please register online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/schoolcouncileventNov30>

or

Phone: 905-731-9827 ext. 102

Email: cindychan@popularworld.com

**Space is limited so please reserve your place today!*

Light refreshments will be served.

Door prizes and raffles will be handed out. Special draw for the first 100 registrants.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Roy Fernandes, Principal of St. Sylvester Catholic School with the TCDSB

Roy believes in and promotes holistic education – the philosophy that faith, academics and extracurricular activities all contribute to creating life-long learners.

Roy has a strong interest in inquiry-based learning; he believes the question is often more important than the answer.

His current areas of inquiry include how to get students to find and explain the big ideas in what they are learning.

He is also inquiring into how to train a puppy to not eat his shoes! Life is a learning journey – a life-long learning journey.



Theresa Pastore, Parent Engagement Consultant

Theresa has been involved in school councils for more than 20 years. After working for many years at the local school level, she made the decision approximately 10 years ago to expand her volunteer role to working regionally as President of the Toronto Association of Parents in Catholic Education and Vice-Chair of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. As a Director of Finance with the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education, Theresa had a voice at this provincial parent organization. In this role, she worked with the Ministry on curriculum reviews and as part of the development of the Parent Partnership project.

During her two years as a Constituency Assistant for a Trustee, Theresa worked hand in hand with school councils to develop parent involvement and increase their skills to be effective parent leaders.

As a Parent Engagement Consultant to the Toronto Catholic District School Board during the 2014/15 school year, Theresa developed and facilitated a monthly school council training workshop. These workshops focused on skill development for school council members and principals. In addition, she originated a monthly newsletter focused on topics relevant to school council members.

Theresa was the catalyst behind the largest school partnership in the history of Ontario to receive a PRO grant from the Ministry.

Theresa has established Parents Engaged in Education, along with other school council parents, to provide resources to parent leaders to assist council members in making this year the most successful to date.