



WESTON MEMORIAL JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Advisory Council News – September 2022



School Advisory Council Meeting & Elections – September 28th

Welcome Weston Memorial families to the 2022-2023 school year! A special greeting to the many new families that have joined our school this year. We hope you feel welcome and excited to be part of our wonderful school community.

September is a busy time for the School Advisory Council (SAC) and we would like to share some of the upcoming events at WMJPS, as well as provide information about what the SAC is and how parents/guardians can get involved.

Curriculum Night & Welcome Back BBQ October 6th

Free BBQ at 5:30-6:15pm
Curriculum Night Session 1 6:15-6:45pm
Curriculum Night Session 2 6:45-7:15pm

SAC invites you to join them for a FREE BBQ in the East School Yard. We look forward to seeing our returning families and to meet the new ones joining us this year.

The BBQ is open to all students and families and is followed by curriculum night where Principal Fata invites you to come meet your child's teacher and get valuable information about the curriculum planned for the upcoming year.

***Vegetarian, Vegan, Halal & Gluten Free options will be available.**

*** Please bring a reusable water bottle.**

What is the School Advisory Council? The SAC is comprised of parents/guardians of WMJPS students ranging from JK to grade 5. The Council will consist of 9 voting members that are elected at the start of each school year, but all parents can attend meetings. The SAC is a place where you can listen and be heard. This is your opportunity to be an advocate for your child and their learning environment. It gives you a chance to be involved in the discussions that make the school a better place.

The SAC has a few initiatives in the works including plans for logo wear, class workshops, parent socials, fundraising, healthy lunch programs and so much more. We need support from all our parents and families. We welcome new faces and encourage parent participation.

Our first SAC meeting of the year will be taking place in the library on **September 28th**. Child minding is always available for in-person meetings. This year we plan to hold both in-person and virtual meetings throughout the year. All parents are invited to attend the meeting(s).

We need new volunteers! After almost 3 years of interruptions and restriction due to Covid we are really looking forward to having participation and help from all our families so that we can make this school year the best one possible. Nomination forms for Council must be submitted to Ms Fata by 2pm Tuesday September 27th, please consider becoming a council member.

Upcoming SAC Events at Weston

- **Sept 27** – Council Nomination forms due to the office by 2pm.
- **Sept 28** – SAC Meeting and SAC elections - Child minding available.
- **October 6th** - Curriculum Night and SAC BBQ
- **TBA** – Fall Movie Night



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The first couple of weeks back to school can be a tough transition, but hopefully these tips will help!

- **Attend Curriculum Night** - Kids do better in school when parents are involved in their academic lives. Attending back-to-school night at the start of the school year is a great way to get to know your child's teachers and their expectations.
- **Visit the School Website**
- **Be Involved** - Whether kids are just starting kindergarten or entering their last year of elementary school, there are many good reasons for parents to volunteer at school. It's a great way for parents to show interested in their kids' education. Attending the School Advisory Council meetings is a great opportunity to learn about upcoming events and volunteer opportunity.
- Join the School Advisory Council – Have a say in what happens at the school and stay involved and informed by attending the meetings.

Message from 2021-2022 Council

The School Advisory Council is very proud of the success we had last year and we are confident that the new elected council will be able to continue with the momentum established. A special thank you to the outgoing council for their hard work and dedication;

Julie Bisson -Chair
Adriana Avramova, Vice-chair
Sheila Ballantyne, Secretary
Damon Groves, Secretary
Valerie Groves, Treasurer

Thank you to the staff and school administration for being awesome to work with, our children are fortunate to have a passionate and caring group of educators to inspire them daily.

- Your input and suggestions are important to us. Please let us know what you would like to see from the School Advisory Council.
- In an effort to encourage healthier habits and address environmental concerns we are looking to make progressive changes. If you have any suggestions or ideas how the SAC can be more environmentally friendly please let us know.

If you cannot attend the meeting(s), but have something to contribute please email; westonmemorialjpssac@gmail.com

If you would like to receive email from us please send us a message and we will gladly add you to our distribution list!