



Wexford Public School

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IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL INFORMATION

We would like you to consider joining the Wexford School Council. The School Advisory Council is a group of elected parents/guardians, school staff and appointed community representatives who provide input and feedback to the school's administrators. It is a wonderful opportunity for all parents to become more involved in the education of their children.

At this point, we are planning the council for the current school year. It is very important that we have a diverse representation from within the Wexford community, to help make an effective and meaningful council. To give interested parents an idea of the commitment necessary to be a council member, we have included the following information for your consideration:

Meetings: Nine meetings are planned for the 2015 - 2016 school year. The meetings take place in the evening and are one per month. Members of the council determine the dates of the meetings.

The members of a School Advisory Council are elected to:

- promote the best interests of the school community
- maintain a school-wide focus on all issues
- respect the personal and professional rights and responsibilities of all individuals
- encourage the participation of parents/guardians from all groups and other people within the school community

School Council Contributions to the school: Over the past school year, the school council was involved in fundraising over \$10,000 for the school. Through this money, the school was able to provide busing for school trips, Scientist in the School programs for each class, and purchase athletic equipment and computers for the school. In addition, the council paid for the (soon to be installed) School Sign.

Please have a look at the Wexford School Council Constitution which can be found on-line under "School Council" on the school web-site, <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/wexford/Home.aspx>

We encourage you to consider becoming a member of the council for this year. If you are interested in becoming a member of this year's Wexford Public School Advisory Council, please complete the attached CANDIDATE DECLARATION form and return it to the school office by no later than **Wednesday September 23rd**. Please also consider becoming an Officer for the Council. Positions include Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and PIAC (Parent Involvement Advisory Committee) representative.

The following schedule outlines the dates and steps in determining the parent members of the School Advisory Council.

Wed. Sept. 23, 2015

Deadline for School Council candidate election forms to be received by the school

Thurs. Sept. 24, 2015

Confirmation of candidates determination if an election is required or if candidates are acclaimed

(See over)

Fri. Sept. 25, 2015
required)

Candidates' names and statements are posted for election (if

Wed. Sept. 30, 2015

Election held (if required)

If you have any questions regarding the Wexford Public School Advisory Council or the election procedure, do not hesitate to call the school at (416)396-6640.

