

Parent Advisory Council

Panorama Heights' Parent Advisory Council was formed in 1991 to foster communication and cooperation between parents, teachers and students in the education of students at the school. The Parent Advisory Council meetings allow parents the opportunity to review and discuss at general meetings, any matter relating to the school and formulate recommendations to be forwarded to Administration for consideration. Such matters may include:

- school policy and procedures
- school profile within the community
- programs and services
- facilities and equipment
- parent/community involvement
- learning resources
- school goals and objectives

The Parent Advisory Council is particularly involved in issues relating to school safety through its Block Parents, Emergency Preparedness and Traffic Safety Initiatives.

The Parent Advisory Council executive is elected at an Annual General Meeting held in May of each year for the upcoming school year. The executive committee presently consists of 8 officers, 3 or more members at large. The Parent Advisory Council Executive meets monthly to discuss issues and events. These meetings are open to any parent or school staff member wishing to observe or to present an issue for discussion. General meetings are held monthly throughout the school year, except in December. These meetings generally include a parent education component as well as a discussion of Parent Advisory Council business and relevant school issues. All parents are encouraged to attend these general meetings.

The Parent Advisory Council works closely with the school staff to maximize the total school experience for students. A broad range of events and activities for students are made possible through the participation of the school PAC. These include:

- cultural presentations
- multi-cultural festivals
- sporting events
- monthly special lunch days
- family events such as Fun Fairs

Parent involvement in these types of activities may include planning, financing, staffing or all of these.

Although not its primary role, the Parent Advisory Council does undertake various fundraising activities throughout the year to provide equipment and/or activities for students as identified as beneficial by the school staff and parents.

We encourage all parents to participate in and support your Parent Advisory Council. It is an excellent opportunity to become informed, to offer input and to meet other parents. By showing an interest in your children's education you will be demonstrating a respect for education which they will then share.

We want to hear from you if you have an issue to discuss! Contact the school for the phone number of the current Parent Advisory Council President or leave a message in the PAC mailbox in the school office.