
PARENT COUNCIL INFORMATION



Why parents join the council or volunteer?

Every school in Ontario has a Parent Council as required by the Ministry of Education. It is made up of parents, school board designates (principal, VP, teacher & staff representative) and a community member. The council acts as a link between the school, the Limestone District School Board (LDSB) and collaborates with the school staff to improve student achievement and enhance the educational experience for all.

Our key mission is to promote an environment at our school that enables our teachers and administrators to do their best work and empower our children to do their best learning.

Granite Ridge Education Centre (GREC) Parent Council has a place for everyone who wants to be involved in their child's education. You can do something as simple as spend an hour per month attending council meetings, try a leadership or coordinator/committee role, volunteer in a classroom/library or try a smaller volunteer role like copying flyers/newsletters or sharing ideas throughout the school year. There is truly something for everyone. See the Parent Council Volunteer section in this packet or contact our Volunteer Coordinator to find out more. Every parent counts! We need you!

The **Election** for the 2021/ 2022 council will be held on **Monday September 20th at 6:00 pm** at the **Sharbot Lake Public Beach pavilion**. A **Parent Council Opportunities Form** with all the positions and more information can be found attached. If you are interested in running for a council position or know someone else who would like to, please fill out the form, return it to school and be sure to attend the election meeting. We are always looking for new parents and ideas, so please join us! We are looking forward to working with you!



GREC Parent Council Opportunities

We appreciate your help in any of the fun and worthwhile programs below. Please return this form to the school if you are interested in any of the following roles or joining a committee(s).

Parent Members

Chair

Represent, work with and provide support to all parent council and committee chairs. Preside over monthly meetings. Receive and reports on correspondence sent and received by council. Act as coordinator between the Board of Education and Council. Contributes to the council newsletter.

Vice Chair

Preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair or upon the incumbent's inability to serve. Act as aide to the Chair and assumes responsibility for duties assigned by the Chair. Responsible for overseeing all sponsored events and programs.

Treasurer

Work with the council leaders and coordinators in developing an operating budget. Serves as the liaison with the parent council and the Board of Education. Additional responsibilities include depositing/disbursing funds on behalf of the Parent Council and the preparation of monthly financial statements.

Secretary

Attend scheduled parent council meetings, records, maintains and distributes minutes of meetings, keeps non-financial records of council.

Indigenous Parent Representative

Represent member of the Indigenous Community on council. Acts as a resource to Council.

Active Members

Attend meetings, vote and participate in many aspects of Parent Council activities, as prescribed by council.

Member at Large

Duties as prescribed by Council.

Teacher Representative

Attend Parent Council meetings and liaison between parent staff and parents.

Community Representative

Represent members of the community on the Council. Acts as a resource to Council. Must not be the parent or guardian of a child attending GREC, or an employee of GREC. If employed by the Board, this information must be made public. Must live or work within the catchment area of the parent.

Coordinators and Committees

Fundraising Coordinator (elected position)

Plan and manage fundraising activities. Works closely with Volunteer Coordinator, Treasurer and Parent Administrators.

Volunteer Coordinator (elected position)

Responsible for recruiting and organizing volunteers for events and activities. Maintains information and records pertaining to volunteer activities. Works closely with parents, staff and other council leaders.

Public Relations Coordinator (elected position)

Publicizes meeting of council, edits the Parent Council newsletter and council website. Shares on-going council events and activity information via group email.

Program/Event Coordinator (elected position)

Community Building Nights and Cultural Arts: Work with parent administrators to coordinate, plan and organize family events throughout the year.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Coordinator

Plan and organize staff appreciation activities throughout the year.

Inclusive Education Coordinator

Submit monthly resources/articles for the council newsletter. Helps coordinate inclusive education events.

OR

I have limited availability but still want to help with smaller jobs (photocopying, paperwork, event helper, committee members etc.)

Thanks for your consideration!

Fall Elections will be held on Monday Sept. 20th at 6:00 pm at the Sharbot Lake Beach pavilion.



Yes, I would like to volunteer! Please contact me:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Position of Interest: _____

OR EMAIL: grecparentcouncil@gmail.com