

TERRY FOX SCHOOL COUNCIL



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Mission Statement

To support and encourage shared responsibility for student learning among students, parents, teachers and administration.

What is Terry Fox School Council?

The Terry Fox School Council includes parents, guardians, community members, teaching and non-teaching employees, and the school administration. The council meets regularly to discuss education related topics. There are eleven elected voting members and four of those members form the executive. The voting positions are open to all parents and guardians. Nomination forms are available from the office and due by the end of the first week of school in September.

Why Join School Council?

Through the active participation of parents, school councils work to improve student achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. By joining School Council, **YOU** become an important partner in the education system, where your views are valued. You can express your thoughts on how to support our students and teachers and keep informed on what is happening at school, the school board, and provincial education level.

Involvement in School Council is a meaningful, hands-on way for parents to have a direct, positive impact on their child's educational experience. *Research shows that when parents become involved in their child's education, the level of student achievement increases!*

2016/2017 Meeting Dates

School Council meets on **Wednesdays 7pm –9pm in the Library**. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend School Council meetings.

September 14, 2016

December 7, 2016

May 3, 2017

October 5, 2016

February 1, 2017

November 2, 2016

April 5, 2017

What Does School Council Do?

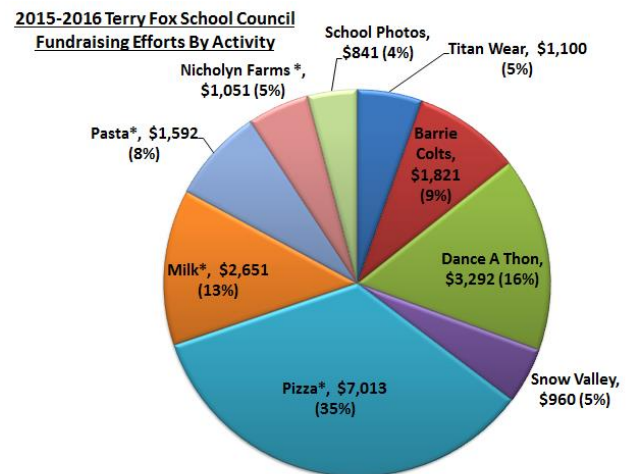
A significant portion of School Council's work is devoted to providing and supporting services that benefit our students and school community. Some examples are:

- Eat Well to Excel which provides food in the office for those who are hungry
- Milk program which provides a consistent healthy lunch option (cost to parents)
- Titan Wear for students to show their school spirit (cost to parents)
- ECO schools and playground enhancements
- Special food days (e.g. pizza) (cost to parents)
- New ideas are always welcome!

School Council runs several fundraising campaigns to support initiatives in our school. Profits from fundraisers are allocated to:

- Extra-Curricular Activities (20%) – New outside balls and team uniforms.
- School Yard Enhancements (10%) – Regular updates to our playground.
- Classroom Technology (30%) - Every class now has an iPad
- Library (13%) - New books and resources
- Agendas (10%) - Every student gets their own in September.
- General School Needs (10%)
- Graduation Ceremony (7%)

Last year's fundraising results:



* current balance as of April 25 - incoming and outgoing funds ongoing due to activity cycle

What are Other Volunteer Opportunities?

There are many opportunities to volunteer at our school. We are always looking for volunteers to help with events, special food days, on-going programming (Eat Well to Excel), classroom support (e.g. one-on-one reading), field trips, etc. If you are interested, contact us or the school office. Please note: Volunteer work requires a police screening/criminal reference check.

We want you to get involved with the 2016-2017 School Council!