

# 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 seven - eleven elected voting members and four of those members form the executive. The voting positions are open to all parents and guardians. Read our constitution on <http://ter.scdsb.on.ca>

## How to Join School Council as a VOTING Member?

- Complete the nomination form and submit to the school office by the deadline of **Friday September 14 2018 at 3:30pm**
- If more than 11 nominations are received, school elections will occur on **Monday September 24 2018 from 8:30am to 3:30 pm**. Notification will be sent to the school community on Monday September 17, 2018 if an election is needed.
- If less than 11 nominations are received, voting members will be acclaimed and executive elected during first meeting.
- Attend the first School Council meeting on **Monday October 1, 2018**. (Required)
- Be available to attend a majority (more than 4) of the meetings throughout the year. (Attendance requirement)

## 2018/2019 Meeting Dates

School Council meets on **Mondays 6:30pm – 8pm in the Library**. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend School Council meetings.

October 1, 2018

January 14, 2019

April 1, 2019

November 5, 2018

February 4, 2019

May 6, 2019

## **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!*

## **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)
- Pizza day once a week (cost to parents)
- Different fundraising initiatives including: Barrie Colts night, Wendy's Night, Dance-a-thon
- ECO schools and playground enhancements
- New ideas are always welcome!

## **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: Some volunteer work requires a police screening/criminal reference check.

**We want you to get involved with the 2018-2019 School Council!**

**Nomination forms are available online on school website <http://ter.scdsb.on.ca> or in the main office.**