

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year!

Nominations are now open for St. Teresa of Calcutta's Parent School Council. We invite all interested parents to join our energetic and committed council either as one of the positions listed below or as a member-at-large. We appreciate that our parents are busy juggling a full schedule. Our council is accommodating and appreciates and values whatever time you can dedicate to the school to help make this school year the very best for students and staff.

The HCDSB mandated positions are as follows:

Chair/ Co-Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Parish/Liturgical Rep

Please complete the Nomination Form to indicate your intention to join the school council. Nominations close **Thursday, September 23rd, 2021 at 4:00pm** . The Commissioning Meeting will take place via MS Teams on **Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7:00PM** and the first official council meeting will take place the following week. All council meetings will take place on MS Teams until further notice.

All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend our council meetings. You do not need to be a council member to attend. Meetings and links will be posted in the School Council section of the website.

a catholic school council is:

Catholic School Councils are legally constituted bodies of elected and appointed representatives of the local school community established for the purposes of developing, encouraging and promoting activities which will enhance the quality of school programs and improve the levels of student achievement.

respective of the roles that others have to play:

- Teachers deliver instruction.
- Principals are responsible for implementing decisions affecting the school and are accountable for the school's performance.
- School Board establishes policy and guidelines.
- The Ministry of Education establishes provincial standards, curriculum and policies.

benefits of a catholic school council:

- Catholic School Councils increase local involvement in the education process and subsequently improve teaching and learning within our schools.
- Catholic School Councils ensure the shared responsibility and collaborative undertaking of the Catholic Education of our children by parents, schools, parish and community.
- Catholic Schools Councils enable all of our partners to work with education professionals to set the future direction of the school, identify education priorities and determine strategies for achieving goals.
- Catholic School Councils will serve as a vital link between all our partners and the School Board.
- Catholic School Councils, through commitment and creativity, will generate a strong community spirit. Community spirit makes a school more than just a building – it creates a learning environment where students feel the commitment of fellow students, principal and staff, clergy, community and families. This shared commitment will make the common goal a reality.

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The school's mandate is to work toward ensuring the best possible education for all students within that school. The school council provides a structure in which parents, principal, teachers, non-teaching staff

representative, parish representative, students and community members can talk about education in their community. The school council is also a vehicle by which everyone in the school community has a voice in educational issues.

it is the role of the school council to:

- Work with the school's mission statement and goals rather than on day-to-day management of the school;
- Ensure that school programs and priorities meet the school community's expectations.
- Consult with the school community on setting priorities, strategies and performance measures;
- Advise the principal and the school board as per Regulation 612/00, school board policy and this operations manual;
- Consult with other school councils and education partners on wider issues;
- Share information with the school community, other school councils and the School Board.