

Involvement Opportunities for Parents and School Council Chairs

There are many involvement opportunities for parents and school council chairs throughout the school year. In addition to regular meetings, there are other activities that result from central service department initiatives and external requests.

As a parent leader, your time and expertise is greatly valued. If you would like to volunteer for any of the following activities, please check those of interest and fax back to: **Communications at 429-8288**. You will be contacted when opportunities arise.

- Parents as Partners program volunteers** On occasion, we will need parents to help out at the Parents as Partners ward breakout sessions. Volunteers would perform the following types of duties: taking notes; signing participants into a session; introducing the session leader for your group; general housekeeping announcements (washrooms, fire exits); or liaising with the meeting organizer for any additional materials or guidance within your session. There are only four meetings a year where we may call on your assistance.
- District Committees/ Focus Groups** Small group "ad hoc" meetings and focus groups are organized throughout the school year, based on board, administrative and department requests. Participation on these committees and/or focus groups provides participants with an opportunity to provide input while increasing their knowledge of Edmonton Public Schools.
- Media Requests** Frequently, the media is looking for the parent perspective on stories they are reporting. If you would feel comfortable talking to the media, this is the job for you. You will be contacted by Edmonton Public Schools' staff to determine your interest and availability on each issue.
- District Surveys** Parents as Partners, school councils and parents may be asked to provide input concerning programs and future district initiatives through on-line, mail and telephone surveys. For those who don't have time to attend additional meetings, this is your opportunity to express your opinions.
- Mentorship** School Councils are all about people working together to support student achievement and success. This is an opportunity for Parents as Partners and School Councils chairs/Co-chairs to share their knowledge and expertise with new school council executive members.
- Email update only**

Name: _____ Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone (Home/Work): _____

E-mail Address: _____

School: _____ Ward: _____

Signature*: _____

We will communicate as much information as possible via e-mail.

***Permission Release:** I give permission for Edmonton Public Schools to contact me about matters relating to school councils, the district, meetings, events and issues impacting public education. If I decide I no longer wish to remain on this contact list or any of my contact information changes, I will inform Communications at 429-8040 or by e-mail to parentsaspartners@epsb.ca