

# COUCHICHIING HEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Monday, Oct 3, 2016  
6:30 PM  
School Library

## Agenda

				Time Allotment
1	Welcome and call to order	Welcome Announcements from SCDSB Nominations allocation of funds	Laura	10
2	Principal's update		Alison Bradshaw	10
3	Welcome Back BBQ	How'd it go?		2
4	Fundraisers	Hewitts – Trevor What else do we want?	Discussion	10
5	Events this year	-PRO grant – date? -lice checks – Oct 28 -snack program -breakfast club -movie night? -family active night?	Aimee/Laura	10
6	New Business			
7	Adjournment			

**RSVPs- Laura Grant, Aimee Cooper, Jennifer Pepper, Joe Cornelisse, Kristine Riedel-Fiddick**

**Regrets- Julie Stern, Wendy Stein**

### Welcome

-Welcome to everyone who has joined us. It is exciting to see new faces and have new energy on board.

What is school council?

- [ The idea of a school council is to strengthen the active participation among the school, the home and the community – as I think we might agree is the key to improving student achievement, well-being and enhancing the accountability of the education system.
- [ School Council acts as an opportunity for two-way communication and consultation between the school and the school community.
- [ School Councils are advisory bodies comprised of elected parents, community representatives, teaching and non-teaching employees, students and the school principal.
- [ Some activities that a school council does are **creating and helping to organize fundraising efforts**, gathering concerns from the school community and **presenting them along with recommendations to the school administration** and communicating back to the school community about efforts being made by the administration, helping to organize volunteer list, **promoting information about how people can volunteer in the school** and the requirements for such. Organizing events to help **enrich parent engagement** within the school – such as PRO Grant.

We want to remind everyone that school council is a place for new ideas, constructive criticism and positive attitudes. It is NOT a place for personal complaints or judgment.

### **Announcements**

-SCDSB - looking for feedback for strategic plan - Visit [www.scdsb.on.ca/difference](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/difference) to take the [survey](#)

-up to 3 council members can attend Connections. Connections is planned and hosted by the SCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee. The event runs from 4 to 6:30 p.m October 18th. The networking and information booth portion will take place between 4 and 5 p.m. The Education Centre is located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. Registration forms available on the SCDSB website under PIC committee

### **Nominations & Council Business**

-Council nomination forms

-council business we need to vote to accept the Code of Ethics, Nominate/vote members of council, and discuss/vote on what we want our "quorum" to be.

-My suggestion for Quorum is a minimum of 4 members of Council need be present to vote on a tabled item and only one of the votes can be either Principal or Teacher Rep. if there is only 4. When more than 4 Council members present, both Principal and Teacher Rep votes count. Also Principal or Teacher Rep can second the minutes from previous Council meeting.

### **Allocation of funds**

Please see attached re: \$500 we have been allocated to spend in parent engagement- details in the memo. Something for our new council to discuss.

### **Fundraising Ideas**

-Hewitt's Farm market – Trevor Hewitt to arrive 7pm

-Boston Pizza, Chinese Food, McDonald's, Raise the Dough with Dominos, Barrie Colts