

Parent Advisory Council

What is a Parent Advisory Council?

A PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the school other than matters assigned to the School Planning Council (SPC).

PACs are the forum within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tre-

mendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;
- involving parents in volunteer activities; and
- openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools.



The Purpose of a PAC is...

- to provide parents with the opportunity to gain greater understanding of the school;



- to assist the SPC in carrying out its function;
- to give input into school-based decisions;
- to participate in goal setting;
- to unify efforts of the school community towards the goal of quality education;
- to improve the sense of community in the school neighbourhood;
- to monitor and review school rules and conduct, the safety programs, the educational programs; learning

materials, equipment and the school building;

- to educate parents;
- to encourage people to vote in school board elections;
- to advocate equal educational opportunities for all students;
- to liaise with other education partners and organizations; and
- to provide methods to resolve problems between the school and community by directing parents and students to the Advocacy project.

District PAC

The District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) is made up of elected parent members from each school in the district. Meetings are an excellent opportunity for regular dialogue with the Superintendent (or his designee) and district staff. While representatives from each school PAC comprise the membership of the DPAC; all parents or guardians are welcome to attend DPAC meetings. Check with your DPAC representative for upcoming dates.

Our Next PAC Meeting is

Caledonia PAC
1st Tuesday each month at
7pm in the Library!

Coast Mountains School District
District Parent Advisory Council
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