

WHO Serves on a Local School Council (LSC)?

School councils are comprised of a minimum of seven council members:

- The principal
- At least two certificated teachers elected by the teachers
- A number of parents (or guardians) elected by the parents, so that parents (or guardians) make up a majority of the council. At least 2 parents must be businesspersons
- Other members as specified in the council's bylaws

Council members serve a term of two years, or for a term specified in the council's bylaws.

WHAT are the Roles and Responsibilities of Council Members?

All members of the School Council must:

- Maintain a school-wide perspective on issues,
- Regularly participate in council meetings,
- Participate in information and training programs,
- Act as a link between the school council and the community,
- Encourage the participation of parents and others within the school community, and
- Work to improve student achievement and performance.

School councils are advisory bodies. They may provide advice and recommendations to the school principal and local board of education on any matter, including but not limited to:

- School board policies
- School improvement plans
- Curriculum and assessments
- Report cards issued and audits of the school conducted by the Office of Education Accountability
- Development of a school profile to the community
- School budget priorities, including school capital improvement plans
- School-community communication strategies
- Methods of involving parents and the community
- Extra-curricular activities
- School-based and community services
- Community use of the school facility
- Student discipline and attendance
- Reports regarding progress toward meeting the school's student achievement goals
- Methods and specifications for the delivery of early intervention services or other appropriate services for underachieving students