Northland School Division No. 61



Alberta School Councils' Association

What is School Council?



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School councils are structured groups of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. They provide a means for members of the school community to consult with and provide advice to the principal and the school board.

The Government of Alberta recognizes the value of parents and the community to be engaged in the education of children, and requires school councils in every school operated by a school board in Alberta. It is through school council that parents, community members and school staff have a means of participating in decisions that impact student learning success.

A school council is a vehicle to support meaningful parental involvement in decisions that affect the school and its operations. School council provides the venue for parents to reflect the wishes of the broader community for the education of its students and to actively participate in giving advice and support to the principal in the operations of the school.

Core Activities:

- advises the principal and Northland School Division's Board of Trustees on education issues that pertain to the school;
- establishes & reviews school council's goals, objectives, action plans and procedures;
- communicates and consults with parents and community members;
- meets regularly.

Established school councils:

- focus on what is best for all students in the school;
- consider the interests of all school stakeholders;
- maintain and reflect the culture of the school;
- represent the parent voice in the school community.



