SCHOOL COUNCIL: DID YOU KNOW?

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WHO



School Councils are defined by, and regulated under, the provincial School Act. **YOU** are a member if you are the guardian of a student enrolled at Dr. Coffin. You can get involved at anytime, in the way that works best for your family.

WHAT AND WHY



Dr. Coffin's Council:

- Advises the school principal.
- Fundraising initiatives that help provide laptops, SMART boards, classroom and gym equipment, school residencies, school events, field trips and other enrichments for our students.
- Approves expenditures **(~$36K/year)**
- Organizes after-school events, fun lunches, and outdoor enhancements.
- Coordinates school volunteers.

Schools without parent support go without these meaningful enrichments

WHERE FUNDS COME FROM

~83% is earned by working Casino volunteer shifts for 2 nights, every 18months. We are restricted in how we can spend these funds. They cover the majority of residency and technology costs.

~17% is from monetary donations (e.g. cheque drive). These funds are unrestricted and cover school functions, key subsidies and classroom needs.



HOW TO HELP

Council meets every month, on a Tuesday evening from 7-9pm, to get school updates from faculty, review funds, plan initiatives, discuss parent concerns, and eat cookies. Parents can show up to one, all, or none of these meetings with no RSVP. Watch for dates in the school emails.

Besides attending (not everyone likes evenings - or meetings), equally valuable council contributions are:

- volunteering (fun lunch, trips, home reading, etc.),
- working a casino shift when requested,
- contributing ideas or feedback to council's email address,
- coordinating welcome BBQ, festive evening or spring dance,
- donating.