

## Role of the School Council: Schools Act (Section 26)

- (1) The purpose of a school council is to develop, encourage and promote policies, practices and activities to enhance the quality of school programs and the levels of student achievement in the school.
- (2) The functions of a school council are to
  - (a) represent the educational interests of the school;
  - (b) advise on the quality of teaching and learning in the school;
  - (c) facilitate parent and community involvement in teaching and learning in the school; and
  - (d) advise the board on matters of concern to the school and the community.
- (3) The school council shall
  - (a) approve, for recommendation to the board, a plan for improving teaching and learning in the school;
  - (b) support and promote the plan approved by the board for improving teaching and learning in the school;
  - (c) approve and monitor activities for the raising of funds for the school;
  - (d) consider information respecting performance standards in the school;
  - (e) assist in the system of monitoring and evaluating standards in the school;
  - (f) monitor the implementation of recommendations in reports on the performance of the school;
  - (g) conduct meetings with parents and members of the community on matters within its responsibility under this section;
  - (h) ensure that the report on the school prepared under paragraph 24(3)(k) is available to members of the public; and
  - (i) communicate concerns respecting board policies and practices to the board.
- (4) The school council may, subject to the by-laws of the board, approve a levy, the payment of which is voluntary, once in a school year, instead of, or as a supplement to, fund raising activities for the school.
- (5) A school council may recommend that the principal of a school provide for a religious observance in the school.
- (6) A board shall enter into a protocol with each school council which shall serve as a guide and reference for school council operations.

(7) The board may with the consent of the school council delegate responsibilities to the school council in addition to those set out in subsections (2) and (3).

(8) The school council shall operate in accordance with the by-laws of the board.