

Catholic School Council

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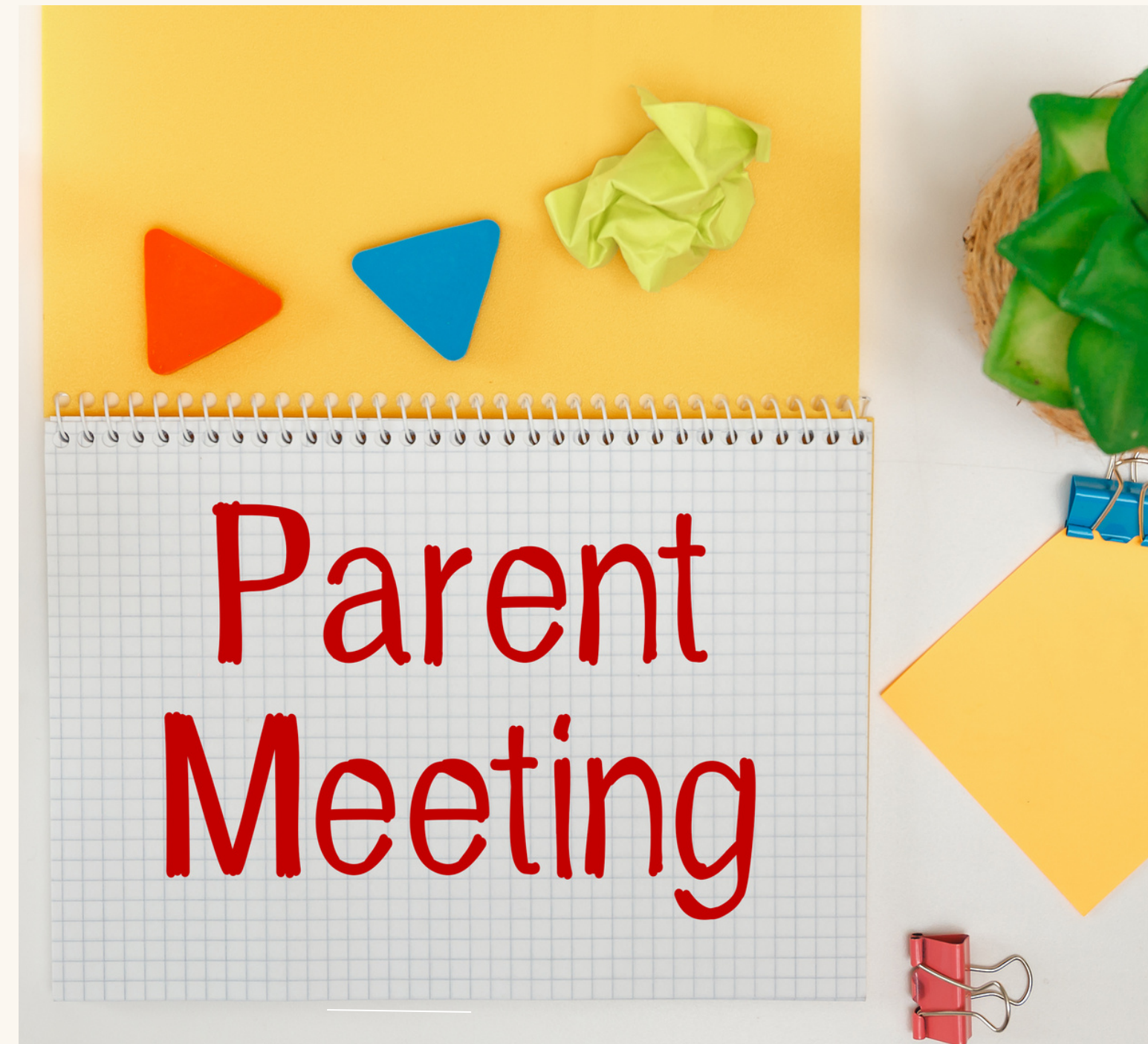
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Why Join Catholic School Council

School councils play a vital role in the education system in Ontario. They provide a forum through which parents and other members of the school community can contribute to improving student achievement and school performance. The goals focus on student learning which are in the best interest of all students, setting school priorities for improving student achievement, and promoting meaningful parental and community involvement by actively seeking the views of the school community.

Parental involvement in a child's education has been shown to have a significant effect on his or her success. Becoming a council member or volunteering on a school committee is an excellent way to contribute to your child's education and school life. Every parent has something to contribute. Consider getting involved this year.



Responsibilities of Catholic School Councils



- **Conduct yearly elections – within the first 30 days**
- **Hold and attend a minimum of 4 meetings a year**
- **Hold meetings in school or location accessible to the public**
- **Keep minutes of meetings**
- **All financial transactions must be recorded**
- **Publish an annual report – submit it to Principal Board**
- **Consult with parents on matters under consultation by the council**
- **May engage in fundraising activities according to Board policy**

Catholic School Council Membership

The Chair / Vice-Chair: arrange for meetings, prepare agendas, chair council meetings and ensure that minutes are recorded and maintained and communicate with the school principal on behalf of the council.

The Secretary records and distributes meeting minutes that are approved and posted on the school website.

The Treasurer keeps records of all income and expenditures, prepares cheques and provides a monthly and annual financial report.

Member at Large: has the right to vote on Council Issues



Catholic School Council Membership

Parents (to be elected by parents)

Parish Representative (appointed by Pastor)

Community Representative (appointed by Council)

Teacher 1 (elected by teachers)

Principal /Vice Principal (automatic non-voting members)



OAPCE (Ontario Association Parents Catholic Education) Representative

At the Catholic School Council meeting, there is another role that parents can volunteer to be involved with.

OAPCE (Ontario Association Parents Catholic Education) Representative: the council is to elect/designate a representative of the council to be the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) liaison representative. The OAPCE representatives are provided with opportunities to network with other parents, pool resources and acquire valuable knowledge in order to enhance parent engagement with their schools and the Board.



Catholic School Council Information

Ministry of Education: Reg. 612/00: SCHOOL COUNCILS AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEES (see the reg. policy [here](#))

YCDSB Board Policy 606: Catholic School Council - link [here](#)

