

Parent Participation in the School

Council of Commissioners

This group of elected commissioners hold monthly meetings at the School Board. These meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity to address questions from the public. The meetings are also podcasted from the School Board's website.

Governing Board (GB)

The operation and mandate of the Governing Board is regulated by the Ministry of Education. A governing board is a representative body established in each school according to section 42 of the Education Act. It is composed of parents, teachers, representatives of both the non-teaching professionals and support staff, daycare technician, and community representatives, who work in partnership to ensure that all students receive the best possible learning opportunities. The school principal attends governing board meetings, but is not a member and is not entitled to vote. The governing board exists to govern the school, not administer the daily operations of the school. The latter is the responsibility of the principal. The powers and functions of the governing board impart responsibilities and decisional authority in general matters of school governance, as well as, matters such as educational services, community services, and material and financial resources. Topics that are discussed, but not limited to are: school facility rentals, consultation to the school board on various topics, School Budget, Daycare Budget, Safety Initiative Priorities, Capital Projects Requested for Funding, Selection Criteria for Principal, Consumable Fees, Subject Time Allocation, Field Trips, Fundraising.

Parents Committee

This committee formed of parent representatives elected by each school within the School Board holds regularly scheduled meetings that the School Board. These meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity to address questions from the public. The Committee's major role consists in representing the parents; interests within the school board and can be called upon to advise the school board on various issues related to its mandate school. In addition, the Parents' Committee appoints 2 of its members to the Council of Commissioners.

Parent Users of Daycare Committee

Parents whose children attend daycare can participate in this committee. The PUDC is formed by the Governing Board by request of at least 3 parents using the daycare services. This committee is chaired by the daycare technician. It is an advisory committee, providing a forum for consultations and feedback. The PUDC transmits suggestions and recommendations to the principal or the Governing Board, it is a liaison for all parents who use the Daycare service. It focuses on the quality of Daycare services and may make recommendations in respect to the rules of operations, special projects, needed changes or any other aspect of the Daycare. It also may contribute to the development of innovative projects. It will write a year-end-report, and after being reviewed by the principal and the Governing Board, the report will be sent to all parent users.

Parent Participation Organization (PPO)

The PPO is an advisory committee which focusses on educational issues that foster student success. It is to promote participation of the parents in the development, implementation, and periodical evaluation of the school's educational project. The PPO works in collaboration with teachers and the principal. The PPO also fundraises to support the school.

This committee is for parents only, formed every year, if the parents of the school decide they want a PPO during the Annual General Assembly of Parents. The parents present at the Annual General Assembly of Parents decide on the name and composition. This committee is open to all parents of the school. The mandate is for one year.

Home and School (HS)

Home and School is a non-profit volunteer organization made up of parents. It focusses on fundraising activities and organizing special events dedicated to enhancing and the general well-being of the children of the school in collaboration with the principal and teachers. Most local Home and Schools, are part of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Association. To stay in good standing with the QFHSA membership should be at least 10% of the school population. The Quebec Federation of Home and School Association Inc., is an independent, incorporated, non for profit, volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the education and general well-being of children and youth. The QFHSA promotes the involvement of parents, students, educators, and the community at large in the advancement of learning, and acts as a voice for parents. There is an annual cost to parents to be part of the QFHSA. The provincial membership links the Home and School with The Canadian Home and School Federation, making Home and School a partner in the largest parent volunteer organization.

To be a member you are not required to volunteer. It is at the discretion of the individual whether they choose to be active, partially active, or not at all. Members are encouraged to participate in ways that most suit their own availability. Everyone is welcome to the monthly meetings, you are not required to be a member of HS. Nevertheless, only members have voting rights.

Any money raised through Home and School stays within Home and School. Before any spending, the members can vote on where the money is to be spent. Your individual membership affiliates you with both the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations (QFHSA) and the Canadian Home and School Federation (CHSF). You will receive the QFHSA newsletter 4 times a year.

Difference between PPO and HS

As per Article 96 of the Quebec Education Act, a PPO, composed of parent members, may be formed within the school by all parents present at the Annual General Assembly of Parents. The aim of the PPO is to promote parent participation in the development, implementation, and periodical evaluation of the school's educational project, and to encourage participation in their children's schooling. A Home and School is an independent, incorporated, not-for-profit, volunteer organization also dedicated in enhancing the education and well-being of children. The membership is open to anyone in the community, regardless whether they are parents or not.

Any Questions?

Step 1 Talk to your child's teachers

Your child's teachers are one of your most important sources of information. Teachers know your child the most and can provide you with valuable information.

Step 2 Talk to your principal

Your principal is another important resource that should be able to address any questions you may have on the school success plan, Governing Board and Parent Participatory Organization (PPO), Home and School inquiries, daycare, school fees, and more.

Step 3 Visit our websites

The [school website](#) and the [Lester B. Pearson School Board website](#) offer excellent resources and relevant information for parents and community members. There are useful links for children and parents on these websites.

Useful Links and Resources

[Ministère de l'Éducation et Enseignement supérieure du Québec](#)

[Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux](#) 1 877 644-4545

[AllôProf](#) 1 888 6801507

[LEARN Québec](#) (Leading English Education and Resource Network) 1 888 622-2212

[Info-Santé](#) 8-1-1

[Ligne Parents](#) 1 800 361-5085

[Tel-Jeunes](#) 1 800 263-2266

[Canadian Safe School Network](#) 1 877 337-0336

[Canadian Medic Alert Foundation](#) 1 800 6668-1507