**A Brief Overview of School Councils**

**School Council:**

* A group of people who work together to advise the principal and the board respecting matters relating to the school.
* A means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support

and enhance student learning. *Alberta School Council Resource Manual, 2006*

**Role of School Council:**

* Foster, develop, maintain and reflect the culture of the school.
* Create the forum and opportunity for participation in school-based decision making.
* Seek and represent school community views.

**School Council Membership**

* Principal
* Teacher
* Student (if senior high)
* Parents of children enrolled in the school must be the majority
* Others as decided

**School Council Functions:**

* Advise principal and board on any matter relating to the school
* Decide operating procedures for itself
* Carry out activities related to its advisory role
* Handle monies
* Submit annual report of activities and financial statements to school board

**School Councils are NOT:**

* **School governance bodies …. (see school board)**
* **Employers …. (see school board)**
* **School managers …. (see principal)**
* **Primarily fundraisers**
* **Primarily lobbyists**
* **Complaint sessions**
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