

South Park Parent Advisory Council Constitution

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Constitution

I - NAME

The name of this association is "**SOUTH PARK FAMILY SCHOOL PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**" often referred to as the PAC. The South Park Family School PAC is sanctioned by the School Act.

The PAC shall operate as a non-profit organization with no personal financial benefit to its members.

The business of the PAC will be unbiased in respect of age, race, religion, gender, politics, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, educational background and cultural heritage.

II - FOUNDATION PHILOSOPHY

We, the Parents, teachers, administrators and staff (the community) of South Park Family School, believe that everyone can learn in a balanced, flexible and supportive environment which promotes the love of learning, respect for diversity, positive self esteem, intellectual, aesthetic and physical development and social and environmental responsibility.

As parents, we recognize that our children's success at school depends on our interest, support and involvement in their education and the school community.

As a community, we value;

- 1 Parent participation as an essential part of the classroom and the community.
- 2 Creativity as a key process in encouraging active participatory learning.
- 3 Process, not product, as the goal of the teaching and the learning enterprise.
- 4 Mutual trust and respect as the basis for building relationships between people of different ages, abilities and social groups.
- 5 Respect for the environment and a focus on social responsibility.

As a community, we believe that;

- 6 The educational focus is on the student's method of learning and the educators in partnership with the community facilitates that process.
- 7 All children learn through play and creative exploration.
- 8 An engagement with Fine Arts is critical to the development and education of all children.
- 9 Risk-taking and learning through making mistakes is essential to learning.
- 10 Children's behaviour is developed through the guidance and positive modeling of their parents and other adult leaders and the skills of conflict resolution must be actively taught.

- 11 Partnership between students, teachers, administration and families facilitates a well-rounded educational experience.
- 12 Multi-Age groupings facilitate children's learning from the modeling of behaviours.
- 13 Letter grades are actually detrimental to a child's educational and social development.
- 14 Alternative assessment and evaluation methods are desirable.
- 15 Students learn through participating in and evaluating themselves in the classroom.
- 16 Exemplary communications within the school community are central to its effective functioning.

III - PURPOSES OF THE COUNCIL

The purposes of the PAC are to:

- a) Work with the teachers, administrators and staff as partners in order to provide the best for each child at South Park Family School according to his/her physical, mental, social and emotional needs.
- b) Support and enrich the activities for children at the school through active parent participation in the school
- c) Examine and discuss the current developments in the school curriculum, classroom programs, School Board policies and Ministry of Education Plans
- d) Provide meaningful consultation and effective input into the decision making regarding community issues within the school.
- e) Provide opportunities for the social interaction of families, staff, and students in school affairs.
- f) Provide financial assistance or support of cultural, recreational and educational programmes of the school and ensure inclusive participation in school life for all families.
- g) Provide opportunities for the school to participate in the greater community.

IV - INTERPRETATION OF TERMS

Classroom Coordinators – assist the teachers to ensure that classroom activities are supported by members of the parent body and are the conduit for information between the Board and the Parents within a single division.

Community Organizations – means groups that demonstrate an interest in education and are not already included in the scope of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Council, PAC or Parent Advisory Council - means the Members organized according to the School Act and operating as a Parent Advisory Council in South Park Family School in School District 61.

DPAC or District Parent Advisory Council - means the parent advisory councils organized according to the School Act and operating as a District Parent Advisory Council in School District 61. In School District 61 the DPAC is the Victoria Council of Parent Advisory

Councils (**VCPAC**).

District – Means Greater Victoria School District Number 61.

Family Meetings – at least tri-annual meetings of families of students registered within one division of the school where information from the Board, the PAC, the teacher and the curriculum are presented shared and discussed.

Membership – a general term referring to all the voting and non voting members of PAC.

Executive Committee - made up of the Chair, Vice Chair Coordinators, Vice Chair Committees, Treasurer, Secretary, VCPAC and the Principal.

Board – made up of the Chair, Vice Chair Coordinators, Vice Chair Committees, Treasurer, Secretary, VCPAC Representative, SPC Representatives, the Classroom Coordinators, a staff representative, Vice Principal and the Principal.

Member – any Voting Member or Non Voting Member of the PAC.

PAC-Up – A package of forms to be filled out by parents that is sent home at the beginning of the School Year for each student.

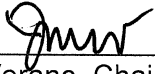
Parent – is as defined in the School act and means

- a) the guardian or the parent of the student or child;
- b) the person legally entitled to custody of the student or child, or;
- c) the person who usually has the care and control of the student or child;

and for the purposes of these bylaws means the parent or guardian of a child or children enrolled in School District 61.

TWAAG – Two Weeks at a Glance – the notice of the planned events to be sent home to the families in each division of the school


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