

Walker School Community Council (WSCC)

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Walker School Community Council is an incorporated organization comprised of parent volunteers, the principal and a teacher representative. Our meetings last about an hour and we meet 8 times a year. At the meetings, the principal gives us updates about what is happening in the school and we get to hear from the teacher representative about classroom needs. We do one or two fundraisers a year to support programs and services that the teachers and students need to enhance the learning environment at Walker.

Most of the current council members have students that will be graduating out of Walker in the next year or two and **we desperately need more parents to join** so the school can continue to benefit. I invite you to come to one of our fun meetings and see if there is an area that you might want to get involved in. Sincerely, Arryn Varls, Chair

What we do!

We purchase the food and supplies for the Welcome Night and the Year-End BBQ and volunteer at those events. We contribute financially to each classroom for additional learning materials. We provide financial assistance to Walker for major purchases such as electronics and software and even playground equipment. We help fundraise for the school so that the kids succeed and love to learn.



Upcoming Events

October 14

Next Council Meeting!

September 23

QSP Magazine fundraiser kick-off

September 24

Welcome Night Pizza and Meet the Teacher

Meetings

Council meetings are held on the **second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the library** (with a couple of exceptions):

September 9, 2015

October 14, 2015

November 18, 2015 (a week later due to Remembrance Day)

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 (a week earlier due to Teacher Appreciation Week)

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 (Annual General Meeting & Elections)

QSP Fundraiser

Why we do this fundraiser!

We have chosen to go with the magazine sales fundraiser for a number of years now because a magazine subscription is just one way to encourage a love of reading. QSP is also a widely recognized company that provides us with the tools we need to succeed.

We are raising funds for...

At the first council meeting of the year, the new senior student art teacher, Mr. Bzdel, gave us a presentation about the value of having fully stocked Art Carts so that students can do large art projects together using top quality materials. We were shown examples of mural projects that were being done at other schools and decided that we wanted our kids to have those same opportunities.

So, \$1,000 of the money raised from the QSP fundraiser will go towards providing materials for TWO fully stocked Art Carts to Walker School.

Another \$2,000 will go towards classroom support for the teachers to invest in learning materials targeted towards their own classrooms.

Roles and Duties of SCCs:

SCC's are established to:

- Facilitate continuing communication and promote mutual understanding between the school and the community.
- Share responsibility for the learning success and the well-being of all pupils.
- Encourage and facilitate parent and community engagement in school planning and improvement processes.
- Provide an ongoing organization that will help listen to and communicate the opinions, concerns and proposals of the electors and parents/guardians.
- Ensure these concerns and proposals are brought to the attention of the Board of Education.

<http://www.rbe.sk.ca/resources/schoolcommunity-councils>



QSP Fundraiser

Kick-off - September 23, 2015

Orders due by Oct. 13, 2015

What we do!

Fundraise for things like:

- ✓ iPads
- ✓ Art supplies
- ✓ Play structures
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Classroom equipment
- ✓ Classroom programs

Provide funding for:

- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Jr and Sr Art Cart supplies
- ✓ Library books

Put on events:

- ✓ September SCC Welcome Pizza Night
- ✓ Fun Lunches
- ✓ June BBQ

If you are interested in helping out with any of these activities, we'd love to hear from you!