

PDPS SCHOOL COUNCIL

2021-2022

Do you know what School Council did for you this year?

If you know someone who would be an excellent member for council, let them know and encourage them to reach out, apply or join a meeting!

Your school council is an integral part of our school that provides a voice and drives initiatives that support our students and their families, as well as our school and community.

This year we were able to fund the Forest of Reading Program (\$700+) as well as put an additional \$1,000+ toward our school library to invest in materials and resources that promote themes of diversity, inclusion and equity.

We raised over \$3,000 to put towards physical equipment and resources that included an indoor curling set, disk golf, flag football equipment, new balls and much more.

Through a mental health initiative created by our Family Engagement Sub Committee, three letters have been mailed out to each graduated student (class of 2021) during their first year of high school offering words of encouragement, support and kindness.

Council was also able to contribute over \$2,500 towards our schools year end events including the graduation ceremony as well as reducing the busing costs for field trips, making them more accessible for families to participate in.

Why get involved?

We directly asked members of council what they get out of being part of this group and here is what they had to say...

- *Being part of council helps to keep me informed of what's happening in the school as well as how and what my child is learning*
- *The Principal's report is so helpful*
- *My kids see me being involved*
- *My voice is heard and I get to be part of the decision making process for what happens in our school*
- *This is a way to meet other parents and build a relationship with staff*

All positions for Council are open and available for nomination in September. Those nominated for roles (Chair/co-chair, secretary, treasurer, parent/community reps) have voting rights. It is expected that council members attend all meetings. If more than 2 meetings are missed by any member their voting role may be withdrawn. Council meetings are public and open to anyone to attend.

How can you help?

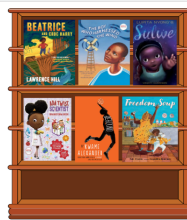
Everyone's ability to support is different, so if you can nominate yourself for a role with council, amazing- we would love to have you! (Commitment is about 4-6 meetings a year). We recognize not everyone can make that commitment so what about...

- Join a meeting, in person or virtually
- Read the minutes and stay informed (council minutes and agendas are stored on the schools website under the parent tab)
- Join a sub-committee to support an initiative
- Support our fundraising efforts and actively share the information, promote or sponsor the initiative
- Communicate with any member of council or on our social media sites-voice your ideas of what you would like to see happen, make sure you join our Facebook group
- Volunteer when and where you can (one time event or ongoing- special event or fundraising pick ups, hot lunch program etc.)



New books on Diversity coming to PDPS Fall 2022

Here is a sneak peak at some of the many fantastic books making its way to our school shelves. Click on books for links. A big thank you goes out to Parent Council for these beautiful books!



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