



Parent-to-Parent

Ecole Frere Antoine [EFA] School Council [SC]

Hello Everyone!

What an amazing first month back!

SC has been working very diligently to get everything back up and running, back to what “normal” looked like in the first half of the 2019-2020 school year. It has been a challenge, but it is heartwarming to see families coming out to events, bringing fresh ideas to the table, and proving once again that the spirit of our community is a strong and vibrant one that we can all be proud of!

As we all know, volunteering is not a requirement within the EFA community. We recognize that families are busy, and not everyone has the luxury of time. However, without volunteers, events for our children cannot run, and without communication, families cannot know of opportunities to help. We would like to encourage everyone to join the volunteer notification list. Those notified of an opportunity who are able and would like to help may respond, and for those who are not able, there is absolutely no obligation.

That said, no one has stepped up to help organize Birthday Lunch or Diner Du Mois (Hot Lunch), and without a volunteer or two to organize, these programs simply cannot run. Organizing these events only takes a few hours each month, and we have individuals able to teach those willing to organize, and a list of volunteers to help. Those stepping up to organize will also have liberty to bring new ideas to the table; change is good too! For more information, please come out to the meeting, or contact Michelle at EFASAC.Chair@gmail.com.

A look back at September....

- SC approved a motion to provide mulch for the new outdoor learning space, and what a beautiful setting for the official opening it was! Our School Trustee, Laura Thibert, came out to greet us; in fact, we enjoyed an unprecedented THREE ECSD board trustees in attendance! Laura posted afterwards that it would take all of the positive adjectives to describe our evening!
- After the Learning Space was officially smudged, blessed and opened, families enjoyed a long-awaited return to the Welcome Back BBQ! Thank you to Mariclaire and Janice, and everyone who volunteered for making this year's event one of the best ever!
- Janice stepped up to organize our Volunteer Notification List, and brought it into the 22nd century with a new BAND app! Fantastic idea Janice, and thank you!

A look into October....

- Planning is under way for the upcoming Family Dance and the Art Cards fundraiser, and the 2022-23 SC Survey. More details at the October meeting!
- School bussing has been an area of concern for many families. We look forward to discussing recent transportation changes, and hearing any thoughts that parents would like to offer! Ideas will be compiled to present to Laura Thibert when she attends our meeting in November.

Our next meeting will be held via MS Teams on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 PM.

Please email Alyssa.Quintin@ecsd.net for an invitation to join.

Requests must be received by 4:30 PM on October 11; subject line “School Council Meeting”.

Quick note: Regular SC meetings are held online, generally on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 8 PM. All parents / guardians / persons responsible for a K-6 child enrolled at EFA are automatically voting members of the EFA School Council [SC], and are encouraged to attend as often as schedules permit, because every voice and idea helps! Information is relayed to SC membership via Le Messenger, the Ecole Frere Antoine Catholic Facebook page, and our page on the EFA website [where you will also find our contact information].