



## **St. Augustine School Council and The Friend's of St. A's**

### **NEED VOLUNTEERS!**



#### **What do School Councils do?**

School councils are groups of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning.

School councils were legislated in 1995 under Alberta's Education Act and are mandatory for all schools in the public education system.

The government of Alberta recognizes the value of parents and the community to be engaged in the education of children. It is through school councils that parents, community members and school staff have a means of participating in decisions that impact student learning success. School council's main role is advisory.

#### **What is Friend's of St. A's? (The Friend's of St. Augustine School Support Foundations)**

Friend's of St. A's is our school's fundraising association. They provide a means for parents and community members to provide additional financial resources and support to the school. Their main role is fundraising.

## **What kind of time commitment is expected?**

The School Council and The Friend's of St. A's both meet one Thursday a month. School council at 7:00 and Friend's immediately after (approx. 8pm). If you don't want to participate in both, you don't have to! Helping with Fundraising is completely voluntary. If you have more time to commit, you can also join a planning committee.

A new Playground Committee will be having their first meeting soon! You do not need to be on the School Council or Friend's of St. A's to join a committee.

Our next Council meetings are : October 15 @ 7pm and November 19 @ 7pm

Committee meeting dates will be announced shortly - it will be advertised on the school's FB and website.

## **What Executive Positions have Vacancies?**

*Vice Chair* - The vice-chair's duties typically are - In the event of resignation, incapacity or leave of absence of the chair, to fulfill the chair's responsibilities, and in the absence of the chair, supervise the affairs and preside at meetings of school council.

*Secretary* - The school council secretary typically acts as a recorder at each meeting and ensures the minutes are prepared accurately to reflect the directions agreed to at the meeting.

*ECS Rep* - Represents the kindergarten parents and provides feedback as necessary.

*Parents* - Parents of children enrolled at the school form the majority of the council. Parents are encouraged to attend meetings regularly but have no official duties. Voting privileges are extended to any parent at a council meeting.

## **I Want to Join! I have questions! How do I get involved or get more information?**

*Attend the next council meeting or  
Call/email our Chair - Christie Remillard at 403-704-5464 or [staugsc@gmail.com](mailto:staugsc@gmail.com)*

**A note from our Chair:** Hey everyone! My name is Christie Remillard and I have two sons that currently attend St. A's. I am brand new to the chair role, but am excited to learn and grow as we support the school and start some new projects. I am a bit of an introvert, so this position is taking me way out of my comfort zone - but if you see me and have questions, don't be afraid to ask. I'd love to chat with you! I hope you'll join us on council - we'd love to see some new faces!!