

Great reasons to join:

- To support your child
- To get to know the community
- To help the students and staff
- To have an impact
- To be an agent for change
- To keep learning
- To be an advocate
- To donate your professional skills
- To assure progress
- To be informed of your school's environment
- To maintain an interest in education
- To be challenged
- To contribute to the school
- To model participation
- To demonstrate how values can be actions to your children

Parents, families, and school community members are important and valued resource for school programming.

As such you are invited to:

- join school council, associations, or smaller committees
- participate in school surveys
- join classes on field trips as a parent volunteer
- join the mentorship and skills bank
- attend school events



Information printed can be found through the Lethbridge School Division, Park Meadows Elementary School, and Alberta School Council Association websites and resources.



Park Meadows School Council And Foundation

School councils are structured groups of parents, principals, teachers, and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. They provide opportunities for members of the school community to consult with and offer advice to the principal and the school board. Their main role is advisory.

Parents play a vital role in student success and can participate in decisions that impact student learning through school council. By contributing knowledge, perspective and ideas at school council, parents are actively contributing to school community and school division success.

The Government of Alberta recognizes the value of parents and the community in the education of children, therefore, require a school council operated by a school board in Alberta.

Established school councils:

- focus on what is best for all students in the school
- consider the interests of all school stakeholders
- develop, maintain and reflect the culture of the school
- represent the parent voice in the school community

School Council dates for the monthly meetings are listed on our school website, usually only once a month for one hour. For more information, please contact the School Council Chairperson by email: pmsc.leth@gmail.com



Park Meadows School Foundation

Park Meadows School foundation (PMSF) is a distinct group in the school, they work closely with the school council and school administrators. Their main role is fundraising.

Funds raised by the foundation are used to support Student Learning and Program needs in the school that are NOT covered by the existing school budget.

Fundraising associations are recognized by the Alberta Government and may hold an Alberta Liquor and Gaming License which will then open the opportunities for fundraising events to include bingos, casinos, and raffles. Fundraising foundations are non-profit.

The members of the PMSF will be presented with the need or initiatives of the school community. The principal and school council will inform the PMSF of the cost required for funding the need or initiative. The PMSF decides on how to raise the needed funds to meet the costs. They will then plan and organize the fundraising event/s.

The time commitment may vary from month.

Committees

Committees will be formed on an as needed basis to help with single events such as decorating for an event, setting up or cleaning up for an event, or meeting to plan or discuss a specific issue. The need for committee members will be communicated in school newsletters, emails from school council or administration.

Surveys

As the need arises, a parent survey may be conducted to help gather parent input on school issues.

