




TCGIS Parent Council

A Presentation to the School Board
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Mission



The TCGIS Parent Council is an advisory body that represents the parent community and serves as a two-way communication channel between parents and the school.

Who are we?

We are parents!

- We are an all-volunteer, elected body that represents the viewpoint of parents to the school.
- Nearly every class has a grade-level representative, who is elected at the beginning of the school year.



What do we do?

- Meet once a month
- Discuss parent concerns or issues
- Share issues with representatives from the school board and school administration
- Brainstorm solutions
- Survey parents
- Follow up with school administration or parents
- Attend board and committee meetings
- Meet with staff and student council representatives



What have we worked on?

- Brought calendar and scheduling concerns to school administration
- Provided feedback on challenges of distance learning
- Surveyed the parent community and provided guideline recommendations for celebrating Krampus in school
- Sought ways to support teachers and staff
- Discussed academic concerns on behalf of parents
- Developed plans to support new school families

What have we worked on?

- Worked with school administration to create parent satisfaction and distance learning surveys
- Discussed some issues of concern with middle school sex ed curriculum
- Communicated better ways to address school lunch arrears
- Created a resource document for new families and shared with front office staff for wider use

What's left to do?

- Inaugural Parent Council began in April 2019; newly elected members and some inaugural members re-elected in September 2019
- Begin to formalize procedures and determine best ways to communicate with parents and the school
- Further formalize systematic ways to follow up on issues and work toward resolutions, where possible
- Creating documentation of procedures for newly elected members
- Build on communications through EKs and Elternbriefe
- Looking for ways to open portions of meetings for larger school community

How do you reach the parent council?



We want to hear from you!

Email your class council representative directly or parent-council@tcgis.org

Look for the forthcoming PC web page on the TCGIS website