

SAC Workshop
Forest Heights Community School
November 7, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Workshop Evaluation Feedback

Were you satisfied with the workshop overall? What did you like? What didn't you like?

- Yes, well done – never enough time
- Yes, I like learning about the school based funds in extreme detail – it was engaging and interesting
- Yes, nice variety
- Yes
- Yes, very well organized and informative
- Yes, overall, attended two good sessions. Liked time with elected board members. Did not like location only because it was not central
- It was nice to be in small groups to engage in discussion. RCH session was very good
- Yes, interested people!
- Satisfied – I liked the differentiation piece between governance vs. management
- Best workshop yet! Nice to meet with our district board member – sparking future work together
- Very – I liked the smaller sessions
- Very satisfied. Enjoyed the clear explanation in the session on school based funds
- Always great to connect with other schools – distance and location
- Yes! The networking was brilliant
- I really enjoyed the opportunity to engage in discussion and the chance to network
- Yes
- Yes
- Small group session with board rep – liked!
- I appreciated the changes around food culture and the importance of food to produce healthy communities and citizens. Such an exciting change!
- Timing for sessions was good. Number of people in sessions good
- Informative, good moral, team building
- Yes, I was satisfied

Was the time allotted for each session appropriate?

- Could have been longer
- A bit more time (approximately 10 minutes) could have been given
- Perfect
- Yes
- A bit rushed, maybe 60 minute session in the future
- Workshop was great – enough time in each session for discussion and info sharing
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- First session was a little too long
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes!
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Maybe a bit shorter and chance to do one more session
- A bit short but only by maybe 10 minutes for the session I went to

Do you feel you have enough information to understand your role in relation to the elected board?

If not, please explain.

- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- I do
- Yes, excellent
- Absolutely
- Yes – much better

- Yes – would like to connect with elected board and our schools more. Started conversations that will continue
- I do
- Yes – good workshop on roles
- Yes – some emphasis on fact that there is variety between SACs based on individuals at the table. Opportunity for various skills/perspectives working through the issues
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes – networking with board members was useful. Previously there had not been much except in times of crisis. Will build on this – invite them to SAC meeting
- Feel SACs could have more input we need to figure out how to make that happen
- No – kind of for a non-educator the whole structure of the education system and where decisions get made is a bit confusing. As an SAC we do not deal much with particular events but we are still always dealing with particular issues and to non-teachers the system is overwhelming. The first session was helpful for that.

Do you feel you have enough information and training to be effective your role on the School Advisory Council? If not, please explain.

- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- I'm a newbie – ask again in a few months
- Yes
- Yes
- I do
- I'm fine
- Yes
- Yes – but there is always more to learn to be more effective
- No – need session on just handbook
- Yes – but it was my first night
- Yes
- Yes – the handbook is clear – the administration is supportive
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes – need to communicate more with parents and community

- Can always use more
- Yes

Is there any area that you would like further information?

- No
- How can we engage SACs more?
- The board budget should be reviewed annual with SAC as part of an SAC workshop
- Not sure yet
- Poverty – impacts from geographical areas
- If there was, I would know where to go to find that info
- No
- Useful to review budget each year after approved by board

How can the SSRSB support you going forward?

- More of these sessions
- By having members of the board visit our meetings, more often to give some of their opinion and explain new policies and hear our opinions
- Better communications
- Continued communication and networking opportunities
- Ongoing engagement – not just communication. Seeking input from SACs to support decision making
- Keep doing what you’re doing for our SACs
- Visit SACs to talk further about their role – clarifying our vision
- Be available for meetings and ongoing conversation
- Maybe some “did you know” emails. Sharing leader handbook info in simple and short packs of information
- Continual opportunities to engage with other SAC groups
- More visits from board members in schools
- Scheduling is difficult but tonight was back to back with our regular SAC meeting
- Website improvement – adding SAC meeting notes to website
- I thing greater involvement with the SACs would be beneficial but also see how that could be problematic. Better defining the role of SACs would be helpful.