



COSC Survey Results

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Summary

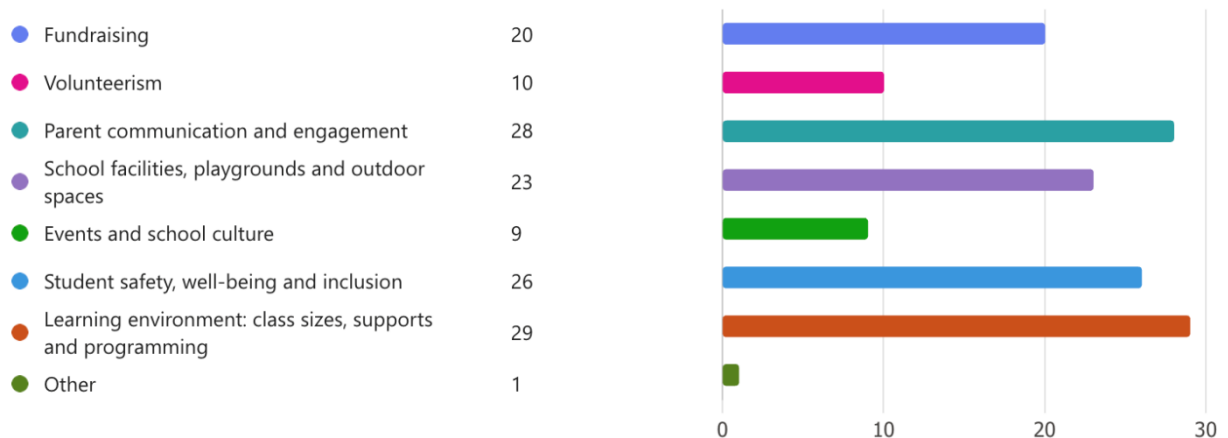
To help guide planning for future COSC meetings, school council representatives were invited to complete a brief survey. A total of 51 people responded to one or more questions in the survey. Those who responded indicated interest in a variety of future meeting topics. The three topics with the most interest include:

- learning environment (class sizes, supports and programming)
- parent communication and engagement
- student safety, wellbeing and inclusion

Survey participants also shared a range of suggestions to improve COSC meetings. Some respondents emphasized the need for virtual or hybrid meeting options to reduce barriers such as childcare and work schedules, while others expressed appreciation for in-person meetings. Several participants valued the small-group discussions and trustee interaction at the most recent meeting.

Results

1. Which of the following topics would you like to see discussed at a future COSC meeting. Choose up to *three* topics. (51 responses)



Other:

- The CBE's Sustainability Framework 2030

2. Is there anything else you would like to share about future COSC meetings? Please use the space below to provide any additional thoughts or suggestions. (22 responses)

Below you will find all comments as they were written. Comments have not been edited for grammar, sentence structure, truncation or otherwise. Comments have been edited to ensure anonymity.

- Please make the COSC meetings virtual or recorded and uploaded to those who are unable to join in person. Many evenings are busy with extracurricular activities and it's a barrier to get downtown to the meeting venue. Thank you for your consideration.

- Please return to online meetings.
- I would like them to all be in person.
- More detailed parking instructions, more details on Trustees' advocacy work
- Are there any ways that we (as school council chairs) can connect with our provincial government to ask questions to see if they are fulfilling, the promises that they have made. Thank you.
- Please update parents on the status of the Sustainability Framework 2030 and how the goals are being measured and tracked. Thank you.
- The Jan COSC meeting was held the night of our council meeting (third Wednesday of each month) so I hope we are able to attend the April meeting without a conflict. Thanks!
- Please always provide a virtual option to increase participation and accessibility. In today's digital age, it is hard to understand why it is too difficult to allow a Teams (or Zoom) option.
- Discussion of conflict of interest principles and examples for awareness. For the councils and for the societies, and for parents and principals. Fair funding priorities.
- Knowing the election influenced timing, as a full-time working parent, it is hard to fit in 3 COSC meetings in 6 months, on top of monthly Council meetings. Do we need 3? What's in it for us for well-established Councils? From reading the notes, would specific themes for each meeting help engage the right Councils at the right time? Perhaps one focused on new Councils / Chairs; another specific to parent voice in education; a third specific to fundraising?
- I liked the structure this year where we sat with schools in our ward and had a chance to chat with our trustee
- virtual meetings would work best for me
- I enjoyed the in person environment from the last meeting
- I would love to hear about Legal Support. We have a unique situation in one of the councils that I am on that needs a pro bono lawyer.
- I do NOT want to talk about fundraising if it's in the vein of how to do more of it or engage parents in doing it. Happy to have a conversation about how problematic it is that parent fundraising is increasingly expected to fill the gaps created by a lack of public funding. School councils are NOT fundraising societies, and we need to make that really clear.
- Please bring back the Q and A
- The small table discussions were great
- Role and purpose of the Trustee.
- I find it hard to have find the time to take off work or find childcare to attend meetings, workshops or learn all there is to know about being on council/member of ASCA. How do others do it?
- Hybrid or online meetings remove barriers to participation, would like to see more of these in the future. Thanks
- What can the parent community do to advocate for schools and teachers with the provincial government?
- For break out groups, if we do them again, I really think it would be valuable to break out by division. The discussion items from a senior high perspective felt very different than from an elementary.