

## **AVALON PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL VISION STATEMENT**

The Avalon Public School Council, a partnership of parents/guardians, principals, students, staff and community members, is dedicated to sustaining Avalon Public School as a child-centered, family-oriented school where children learn in an environment that is: safe, caring, creative, stimulating and challenging.

The purpose of council is, through the active participation of parents, to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. Council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations to the principal of the school and the Board.

The objectives of the council can be found in Article III of the Avalon Public School Council Constitution.

As a council, we believe in:

- A strong sense of community, with an understanding of the many cultures and abilities that comprise the school population. We strive to embrace diversity and encourage understanding, acceptance and the celebration of our differences.
- Open communication and dialogue to promote a positive and informative relationship among all council members.
- A high educational standard for our students and a commitment to a solid academic foundation for life-long learning.
- A forum for political action to allow all members of the school community a voice for their values and views on current educational issues.
- A commitment to the physical and emotional safety of all students, parents/guardians, staff and all council members.
- The flexibility to encourage growth and continuous improvement of the school environment and educational approaches.
- The Avalon Public School Principal Profile (see attached), created by council, to help define integral qualities and character traits for our school Principal.

- The school's emphasis on Character Development, using the [OCDSB Character Wheel](#) as a learning tool.

As a council, we support the Avalon Public School staff in their efforts to see that children leave school with:

- A complement of basic skills -- linguistic, mathematical, scientific, artistic, physical, technical and social.
- An enquiring mind and a desire for knowledge.
- Confidence, good self-esteem and high personal expectations.
- A strong character foundation with an emphasis on those traits featured on the OCDSB Character Wheel: acceptance, respect, appreciation, responsibility, fairness, optimism, perseverance and cooperation.
- An enhanced set of moral values – honesty, integrity and good judgement.

