



The School Council Le Conseil d'Établissement

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The purpose of the School Council is to:

- Promote a broad appreciation of the school's mission and core values, and of the ideals of an international school offering a bilingual education;
- Provide a feedback loop to the school administration and a forum of discussion, exchange and solution-seeking among students, administrators and parents;
- Enlist the educational and social resources of home and school to provide the best education and community partnership possible; and
- Encourage the integration of families into the life of SDFAS and provide a forum for their voices to be heard

The School Council reviews and provides feedback on the following:

- Organization of the school week;
- Annual school calendar and calendar of school events; and
- Parent-teacher handbook (*règlement intérieur*)

In the framework of the school-wide academic plan (*projet d'établissement*) and strategic plan, the School Council provides feedback on:

- Extra-curricular and auxiliary school activities and programs;
- School hygiene and the safety and security of students during and after school;
- The organization, dissemination and accessibility of information to the parents and students;
- The school-wide academic plan and strategic plan of which the academic strands have been elaborated by the head of school and division directors in concert with the faculty; and
- School philosophy and approaches for responding to student misbehavior / disciplinary process.

The Head of School and Division Directors report to the School Council on:

- The academic organization of the classes and cycles;
- The composition of student groupings;
- The choice of pedagogic materials; and
- The procedures for parent-teacher conferences and other types of parent-teacher or parent-administrator communication.

The members of the School Council come from the following groups:

- Head of School (who presides over the meeting) and division directors
- Teacher representative from each cycle or division of the school

- Parent representative from each school cycle or division (typically the Division Room Parent, or in her or his absence, another designated room parent from that division)
- Head Room Parent (if available) and a Community Association officer (typically, the CA President or Co-President or their designee)
- Representative from the administration/staff
- Elected student delegates from elementary and middle school (typically four at most)
- Representative(s) of the French Consulate in Los Angeles (only when visiting or available)

Attendance by School Council representatives at their meetings is mandatory:

If a School Council representative is going to be absent, he/she is expected to find and designate a comparable replacement. (For example, a parent replaces another parent, from the same cycle/division; a teacher replaces another teacher from the same cycle/division and so on.)

Focus of School Council - Trimester 1

- a. "Organization of the School Year." Presentation of the academic structure for the school year in terms of data/statistics/organization of academic and social-emotional experience for students; departing and arriving faculty; administrative organization of school in terms of communication with parents and support of parents; structural changes to the administrative team; DivRP & HeadRP & CACo-Pres introductions; Covid-19 Plan and Protocol implementation; DL learning schedule design per division; school-wide goals/initiatives for the year, etc.
- b. Debrief of the Rentrée: feedback from Student Delegates, HeadRP, CACo-Pres, and Cycle Parent Reps (DivRP for each division or appointee); discussion as appropriate by all present at the Council

Focus of School Council - Trimester 2

- a. "School Calendar." School Calendar validation by review and vote for 2021-2022 based on Pre-Validated Calendar voted in January 2020; pre-validation of School Calendar for 2022-2023 by discussion and vote based on options proposed by administration
- b. Mid-Year Check-in: Feedback from Student Delegates, HeadRP, CACo-Pres, and Cycle Parent Reps (DivRP for each division or appointee); discussion as appropriate by all present at the Council

Focus of School Council - Trimester 3

- a. "Student-Parent Handbook." Review, Q&A, input and discussion with respect to certain pre-identified sections of the Parent-Student Handbook (Règlement intérieur) - reactions, opinions, ideas and suggestions welcome though it is always the administration who makes all final decisions in its sole-discretion based on what the administrative team feels to be in the best interest of the students and school community
- b. Debrief of the School Year: feedback from Student Delegates, HeadRP, CACo-Pres, and Cycle Parent Reps (DivRP for each division or appointee); discussion as appropriate by all present at the Council and ideas looking ahead to the summer and the next school year.