

Exchange Summary

Regina Catholic School Division
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Breakdown of Participation



25

Participants



36

Thoughts



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Hosting a back to school bbq on backpack drop off night! Many primary students/families have never experienced this wonderful way to start the year!



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Ranked #1 of 36



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Backpack and open houses are a part of our return to school planning for 2022-23. we recognize the importance of them. This will be some thing schools and CSCC can work as return to school in the fall.

Send a letter out to families to see what kind if activities/events they would like to see occur that they would participate in. Everyone's voice is important and it's great to include everyone's ideas.



3.8  (14 )
Ranked #2 of 36



Comment

Polling your families is something you are able to do. You can use MS Forms or Thought Exchange. Both will compile the answers and provide you with feedback.

CSCC meetings promoted as open to all! All welcome! And provide child care Even if members just come to listen, being heard, part of the community and aware of plans



3.8  (13 )
Ranked #3 of 36



Comment

CSCC meetings are open to all members of your community. Members that have not been voted just can't vote.

Continue to keep CSCC meetings operating in a hybrid mix of physical and virtual. Ease of attending meetings from the comfort of home or while mobile to allow greater audience reach and interaction.


3.8  (11 )
Ranked #4 of 36



Comment

This is something individual CSCC can decide. There are positives that have come out of COVID.

Our schools are so culturally rich so hosting a multicultural event/activity so we can get to know other cultures better. Canada is made up of such a diversity of cultures.



3.8  (9 )
Ranked #5 of 36



Comment

Engaging all of our communities and embracing diversity is important. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are important within all of our schools.

Regaining community connection Increased engagement leads to better student outcomes

3.8  (5 )
Ranked #6 of 36



Having schools and the division liaise with families We used to engage families and volunteers face to face, but we lost that ability. Many of us are ready to move on and need help getting new members



3.7  (13 )
Ranked #7 of 36



Comment

Face-to-face events are returning to the schools. Recruitment of new members will be a challenge for all CSCCs. How are you working to build membership?

Hosting events that require volunteers. CSCC's haven't gained new members or been able to showcase their accomplishments as easily. Volunteers have found other places to go. Need to reengage

3.7  (13 )
Ranked #8 of 36



Comment

CSCCs and schools are working to return to hosting events in our buildings. This will vary from school to school.

Halloween dance, movie nights, paint nights Great ways to connect the community pre-Covid, would love to bring these back

3.7  (12 )
Ranked #9 of 36



With many kids falling behind these past couple of years, can we promote volunteering more? Many grandparents/stay at home parents would love to help! We need to support our teachers as best we can. The schools are limited with budgets so asking for volunteers would be a great benefit!



3.7  (10 )
Ranked #10 of 36



Comment

Volunteers are slowly returning to our schools.

That we need to include all families. Try to incorporate other nationalities. Then everyone feels important. We are making an effort to include everyone and see how things are done differently in other families.

3.6  (14 )
Ranked #11 of 36



We need a point of consistent contact for CSCCs to be able to collaborate (online?) Learning from other schools, best practices, resources, etc.

3.6  (14 )
Ranked #12 of 36



We need our librarians back. Reading is essential, how can we think not having books or a librarian is a good idea?

3.6  (8 )
Ranked #13 of 36



Comment

Libraries are alive and well in schools. This year, we did change the name and role of the Librarian. They are now called Learning Catalysts. They work with classroom teachers to focus on reading and writing skills; and are supported by Library Technicians. They continue to work to instill a love for literacy. They have library budgets that are established at the school level. All schools balance the library budgets with all other aspects and pressures of a school.

More opportunities to participate in the arts again Children need opportunities to express themselves in social ways

3.6  (5 )
Ranked #14 of 36



Comment

Schools have worked hard this year to provide many safe opportunities for our students. These include sports, arts and clubs.

Highlighting exciting things at the classroom level; school level (sports) with the larger community - not just the classroom or children on the team. Celebrating all of our successes. We need to feel connected - how do we achieve this if we do not know what is happening in our community.

3.6 ★★★★★ (2 👤)
Ranked #15 of 36



Host a school wide come and go ice cream party for Sept. Give all families the opportunity to mingle and visit get to re-engage with entire school staff.

3.5 ★★★★★ (14 👤)
Ranked #16 of 36



I think there needs to be a better exchange between CSCC that are close to each other, especially when seeking sponsorship or raffle prizes etc. Think Deshayee and St. Kateri, very close together, Deshayee could reach out to a local business and find they have already helped Kateri.

3.5 ★★★★★ (14 👤)
Ranked #17 of 36



Host a movie night in the gym. Allowing families to gather and enjoy a night out.

3.4 ★★★★★ (14 👤)
Ranked #18 of 36



CSCC members need to be in the schools more/again. We can't help if we don't know what's going on.

3.4 ★★★★★ (13 👤)
Ranked #19 of 36



Standardize technology in the classroom and technology interfaces/connections to parents and guardians. This year was so much better than last year with more standardization. Letting individual teachers make those decisions in the previous year - a fail

3.4 ★★★★★ (12 👤)
Ranked #20 of 36



Comment

As a school division, we continue to work on streamlining our technology platforms.

Can RCSD help with communicating to families. Resources at RCSD may assist Admin and CSCC navigate this complex but critical form of engagement. With multiply children in school communication is overwhelming. Can we take advantage of school websites to have information shared in one place.

3.4 ★★★★★ (2 👤)
Ranked #21 of 36



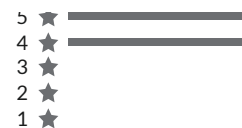
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Communication should be a shared opportunity for CSCCs and schools. CSCC information can be shared on school websites, Seesaw, and other communication tools.

Community activities like BBQs carnivals are great - but we

need to think differently. How can our support be more meaningful. Can we help families with by hosting homework nights at school - would like a parent to attend but if not maybe CSCC volunteers could help.

3.4 ★★★★★ (2 👤)
Ranked #22 of 36



Page 5 (RCSD 2020-21 Annual Report): Many fundraisers were moved to online hosted virtual events. RCSD supported the CSCCs with online fee collecting. If RCSD could commit to a standard method of reporting monies received to respective CSCCs every month it would aid budgeting and financial planning.

3.3 ★★★★★ (13 👤)
Ranked #23 of 36



Rcsd needs to hire more support staff. Teachers can't do everything on their own. Kids are falling though the cracks

3.3 ★★★★★ (13 👤)
Ranked #24 of 36



The division needs to share challenges - particularly financial ones - that the division is facing. The division often asks for our support - but how can we advocate when we don't know the challenges? Too much inof shared is all the good stuff.

3.3 ★★★★★ (8 👤)
Ranked #25 of 36



Communicating with our families using platforms that reach them. This can be a lot of work - only using Facebook for example may exclude families. Need to rethink how we reach our families to encourage their participation and engagement.

3.3 ★★★★★ (2 👤)
Ranked #26 of 36



Comment

Communication strategies. What are some ways that CSCCs are communicating with families?

Top of mind is supporting those struggling most. Can RSDC help get the resources needed into the families hands - mental health, math, reading etc. Engagement to be effective may need to be individualized. We may need to focus on supporting smaller groups of people at a time versus large scale.

3.3 ★★★★★ (2 👤)
Ranked #27 of 36



Attendance practices and sick children/COVID isolation - school admin needs to get on the same page and realize that child is isolating. A child testing positive for COVID and isolating for a week results in warning about violating attendance practices - even though the school knew.

3.2 ★★★★★ (14 👤)
Ranked #28 of 36



SaskCode initiative is great - helps our children learn for the future. Could teachers using the SaskCode be trained/tested first to make sure they have aptitude and knowledge to teach these tech skills to our kids?


3.2 ★★★★★ (12 👤)
Ranked #29 of 36



Comment

We are partners with SaskCode. We have invested in professional development for our staff and students. We are in our third year, and it has been extended.

For next year it would be great if the kids could get speech help from the beginning of the year. My child's speech was assessed in October and didn't start till February. She hasn't gotten any really speech help since she started school

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Page 56 RCSD Annual Report - School Generated Funds - Note

#3 & Note #9 - are CSCC funds included in these amounts - if so they are not RCSD's funds. Note #3 and Note#9 are included because the variance was greater than 5%. CSCC funds can only be expended by a CSCC motion - reporting is poor.

3.1  (12 )
Ranked #31 of 36



Give CSCCs more freedom with grants. It's very restrictive.



3.1  (9 )
Ranked #32 of 36



Comment

Guidelines are set by the Ministry of Education.

The results of this exchange speak volumes in that we are struggling to even connect with the families that we think are connected. COVID created independent families we need to demonstrate why we are stronger when we come together. We need to share and listen to each other.

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Ranked #33 of 36





newsletter, outdoor gatherings reminder of what is going on and who is in our community

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I would like to see 2 Mandatory fundraisers that support the teachers and students throughout the year. And a better understanding of what is required Every school is so different some do lots some do nothing .. I think there needs to be some consistency

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Ranked #35 of 36




Comment

There are many factors that affect fundraising efforts in a community. Fundraising should support students and staff. CSCCs are aware of School Improvement Plans and can support those with fundraising efforts.

More events planned. Around the particular demographic or culture of the school Form more community ..Many families new to the city/country

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