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**COMMUNITY**  
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Summer 2019

Dear Stephen Lewis SS Families,

School councils play an important role in student success. They encourage a strong partnership between the school and the family and help parents become actively involved in the education of their children. School councils help good schools become better.

School councils advise the principal, superintendents and school trustees on educational topics and issues, including: *school calendar, code of behaviour and dress codes, school program priorities, budget priorities, selection criteria for principals and vice-principals, extracurricular, activities, school-based services, fundraising policies, conflict resolution policies, planning for improvement and board policies, guidelines and new education initiatives that affect student achievement or board accountability to parents.*

They also support the Peel District School Board's school success planning goals and encourage parent and community involvement by promoting positive attitudes towards public education.

All parents or guardians of students are invited to attend school council meetings and support school council initiatives. You do not have to be a member of school council to participate in these activities!

#### **Who can hold a member position on the Stephen Lewis S.S. School Council?**

The Stephen Lewis School Council has a minimum of 15 members including Principal, Teacher Representative, Support Staff Representative, Community Representative, 3 Student Representatives (one from each SLSS Student Councils), and 8 Parent Representatives. A parent or guardian may self-nominate to be a Parent Representative on school council.

School Council membership should reflect the diversity of the school community. Peel board employees can be parent representatives, unless they are employed at the school attended by their children. The term for school council members is one year. Council members **must be committed to attending all council meetings and will remain on council until the first meeting following the next year's election.** Generally there are 4 to 5 meetings per year plus any school council events and activities.

If you wish to put your name forward as a parent representative on the Stephen Lewis' School Council for the 2019-2020 school year, please fill out the attached Parent Nomination form or go to the Stephen Lewis SS website (<http://stephenlewis.peelschools.org>) and return to the SLSS Main Office **no later than NOON on Thursday, September 12, 2019.** If more nominations are received than there are parent representative positions, an election will be held at the school on **Tuesday, September 24, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

If you have any questions about School Council or the election process, please contact the school at (905) 363-0289.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms. Y. Howard  
Principal