



WELCOME

to the

VIMY RIDGE ACADEMY

School Council



&

Friends of Vimy Ridge Academy Society

What is the School Council (SC)?

The School Council is a collective group of parents/guardians, students, teachers, principal, facility and community representatives who seek to work together to promote the well being of the entire school community. The effective leadership this group provides will enhance the school community, surrounding communities and enhance student learning in an enriched and positive environment.

What happens at SC meetings?

SC meeting consists:

- Agenda for each meeting
- Occasional Guest speaker from EPSB
- Principal's Report – outlines upcoming school events, finances and initiatives
- Student Council Report – outlines the goals and initiatives of the leadership
- Parents as Partners – participating parents will present information that has been provided by the SC or EPSB to other parents and school community programs.

For more information regarding the EPSB information sessions, please visit <http://partners.epsb.ca>

What is the Friends of Vimy Ridge Academy Society (FVRAS)?

The Friends of Vimy Ridge Academy Society (FVRAS) is the associated entity that works within our school to raise funds for school projects, equipment, events and initiatives that are not accounted for by the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) school budget.

The FVRAS reviews and determines which potential fundraising opportunities the school will participate in order to supplement the funds required to enhance learning at VRA. Such examples are:

- **Casino** (every 2nd year – next event 2018)
- **QSP Magazine** Fundraiser (Annual Fall event)

How are FVRAS funds spent?

The school's facility and parents/guardians are invited to enhance our school community by proposing additional learning tools and opportunities. These proposals are reviewed, discussed and can be approved at the regular FVRAS meetings.

Some of the many examples of previously approved proposals are:

- Computer/software for Students Sound System
- LCD Projectors
- SMART Boards & SMART Response Classroom Kit
- Gym Mats
- Student Leadership Conferences
- WOW & Grad Keynote Speakers
- Frictionless Track for Physics Lab
- Dust Filtration Systems for Construction Lab
- Sensory Equipment for the ISP Program
- New Computer Lab (2014)

Why be a part of the SC & FVRAS?

- To provide open lines of communication within the school programs and community
- To provide positive support for the Vimy Ride Academy culture
- To generate positive opportunities within Vimy Ridge Academy and surrounding communities
- To assist and support the School Student Council and leadership opportunities for students
- To assist and support the Principal and facility staff with school events, finances and initiatives for the school community
- Liaisons between Edmonton Public School Board and the parents and school community
- To participate in regular meetings and enhance the school environment for all students and facility
- To promote an effective school community and enhance student learning
- To assist with fundraising for school projects and initiatives

Our Mission Statement

Vimy Ridge Academy School Council is a committed group of volunteer members working together to provide open lines of communication within our school and community. We provide many levels of influence on matters that support a positive culture and generate opportunities for both Vimy Ridge Academy and the wider community.

How to join?

- All parents/guardians of VRA students are **automatically** members of the **School Council**, but need to indicate their intention to be a part of the **Friends of Vimy Ridge Academy Society** at either the AGM or any regular meeting.

How to participate?

- Attend regular meetings for SC and FVRAS
- Participate on the SC/FVRAS Executive (positions elected at AGM)
- Participate in the FVRAS fundraising initiatives
- Volunteer at school activities, such as

Casino
New Student Orientations
Meet the Teacher Nights
Open House
New Student Welcome BBQ
Year End BBQ

When and where are the meetings held?

Beginning in September the **SC & FVRAS** meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the School Boardroom or Cafeteria. Watch School News for details.

- SPC meetings 6:30-7:30PM
- FVRAS meetings 7:30-8:30PM

(FVRAS may meet more often if pending Fundraising/Casino/Financial reasons require it.)

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) occurs each September.

More information on the role and responsibilities of the **School Council** and **Friends of Vimy Ridge Academy Society** and the schedule of all meetings can be found on the **VRA** school website

<http://vimyridge.epsb.ca/parents/schoolcouncil/>

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