

Formation of Learning Improvement Plans

Every academic year, schools within North East School Division develop a Learning Improvement Plan (LIP) that aligns with North East School Division’s Strategic Plan and the province’s Education Sector Strategic Plan.

Learning Improvement Plans are developed collaboratively between school-based administrators, teachers and other staff, with input from School Community Councils.

Prior to the beginning of the year, the school sets goals based on the data they receive from reading assessments, numbers strand, compose and create, comprehend and respond , school behavioural and attendance data and student voice from the “Our School” survey.

Draft LIPs are to be shared with SCCs in September, prior to being finalized. This provides the SCC an opportunity to provide input, ask questions and learn more about the school’s current performance levels. The School Division values parental input and support through the efforts of the SCCs.

SCC Support of the Learning Improvement Plan

School-based administrators provide updates on the LIPs at regular SCC meetings. Through two-way communication, the school and parents are able to focus on a collaborative effort to achieve the school’s learning improvement goals.

SCCs are encouraged to support the school through a variety of means. Parents are an effective resource for improving achievement; furthermore, parent involvement has a positive effect on students, teachers and schools (Joyce L. Epstein).

Although not exhaustive, the following are examples in which SCCs can support the Learning Improvement Plan:

- Financially support such items as curricular field trips, additional learning resources, equipment or technology that supplement NESD standards, and guest speakers.
- Recruit volunteers for a variety of school activities.
- Sponsor student academic achievement awards.
- Host student/parent engagement evenings, such as reading nights or math nights.
- Host parent workshops such as anti-bullying, internet safety and parenting skills.
- Support school nutrition programs such as “Breakfast for Learning”.
- Support school assemblies to celebrate school successes.

SCC Annual Activity and Financial Plan

SCCs should develop an Annual Activity Plan that supports the LIP. This can be a simple document that lists the LIP goals the SCC has chosen to support, followed by a list of planned activities and an estimate of costs, if applicable, e.g.:

LIP Goal	SCC Activities	Financial Plan
80% of students will be at or above grade level expectations in math	Host two math nights for students and parents	\$500 for refreshments \$200 for child care

A sample a blank template is provided.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- ✓ This work plan and detailed information and resources are posted on nesd.ca under School Community Councils at <http://www.nesd.ca/Board/SCC/Pages/default.aspx>
- ✓ To provide suggestions, ask questions or request more information, email rempel.don@nesd.ca or call Don Rempel Director of Education at 306-752-5741.

Reference Material: Banda, Coleman and Matuszny 2007



[Name] School Community Council

[Year] Activity and Financial Plan

The SCC has prioritized X outcomes within the school’s Learning Improvement Plan and has developed a series of planned actions to support achievement of those outcomes. The SCC’s activity plan and related financial implications are as follows:

SCC Activity Plan in Support of LIP		
Priority Area (from LIP)	Activities	Estimated Cost
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
Total Estimated Activity Costs		\$
SCC Approved Fundraising Plan		



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[Year] Activity and Financial Plan

In addition to activities that support the school LIP, SCCs also undertake various general operational, communications, public relations and professional development activities funded through the annual operating grant provided by the Board of Education. The SCC’s operational plan for the year is as follows:

SCC Operation Plan (funding to come from Board of Education)	
Activities	Estimated Cost
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total Estimated Activity Costs	\$

As per section 4c of Board Policy 4.5: School Community Councils, the annual operating grant from the Board of Education may be used for:

- i. Vehicle expense allowance for events and meetings.
- ii. Communication and public relations.
- iii. Conference attendance and professional development.
- iv. Incidental expenses such as postage and printing.

