

OPEN FORUMS

Open Forums offer a platform to gather informal feedback from parents and caregivers, conveniently held during established school events such as Meet the Teacher Night or Parent/Caregiver -Teacher Conferences or School Fairs. This approach allows for the solicitation of ideas from parents/caregivers while they are already engaged with the school.

Similar to Listening Sessions, organizing Open Forums necessitates careful planning, involving informing the parent/caregiver community about the School Improvement Process (SIP) and the significance of their input. Once the groundwork is laid, the responsibility for providing feedback rests with parents and caregivers. The role of school Staff is to compile the received information and to identify the most pertinent contributions for incorporation into the completed SIP.

It is imperative to share this feedback with the School Council, encouraging them to utilize the SIP in their decision-making processes throughout the academic year. Parent and Caregiver input is mandated by the Ministry of Education and the Toronto District School Board, emphasizing the need for each school to determine the most effective methods for their community. Recognizing the value of parent/caregiver engagement and parental knowledge, fosters school-home relationships, establishes trust, and ultimately ensures a successful School Improvement Process (SIP).