

# Stride Avenue Community School Community School Plan –2025–2026

## Area of Focus / Goal



How do we continue to increase parent and caregiver engagement at school, and how does this improve student success?

### Strategies and Actions:

#### 1. Plan and Host Meaningful Social Activities

- Create inclusive, culturally responsive events that welcome all families.
- Ensure events are accessible (e.g., child care, translation, food, transportation support if needed).

#### 2. Gather Community Voice

- Conduct informal surveys with staff, students, and parents/caregivers (e.g., at SACC General Meetings).
- Use feedback to adapt and improve future events and communication strategies.

#### 3. Track Participation and Engagement

- Record volunteer numbers and attendance at key events:
  - **September:** Meet the Teacher + Welcome Back Event
  - **December:** Pancake Breakfast with Firefighters
  - **June:** Year-End BBQ & Sports Day
- Monitor attendance at monthly SACC meetings (hybrid model: in-person and online).

### Annual Engagement Calendar

Month	Event Highlights
<b>September</b>	Meet the Teacher Night + Welcome Back Event SACC Meeting #1 (AGM)
<b>October</b>	Harvest Celebration Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences SACC Meeting #2 (Online)
<b>November</b>	Parent Education Night (Literacy Focus) + Light Dinner SACC Meeting #3
<b>December</b>	Pancake Breakfast Winter Concert Holiday Movie & Crafts Night (TBD)
<b>January</b>	Parent Education Night (Numeracy Focus – Math Games) SACC Meeting #4 (Online) School Wide Winter Skate at Rosemary Brown

Month	Event Highlights
February	Lunar New Year / Multicultural Celebration SACC Meeting #5 (Online)
March	Parent Education Night (Indigenous/Gardening Focus) Stride 1929–2026 Celebration (TBD)
April	Student-Led Conferences + Book Fair SACC Meeting #6 (Online)
May	Parent Education Night (Technology Use – Pros & Cons) Volunteer Appreciation Event
June	Staff Appreciation Event Year-End BBQ & Sports Day

## Measuring Our Impact

To evaluate the effectiveness of our community engagement efforts, we will:

- **Track Attendance** at all major events and SACC meetings.
- **Monitor Volunteer Participation** throughout the year.
- **Collect Feedback** through short surveys at events and online (e.g., satisfaction, suggestions, barriers to participation).
- **Analyze Trends** in student success indicators (e.g., attendance, engagement, SEL growth) in relation to increased family involvement.
- **Reflect Annually** with staff and SACC on what worked well and what could be improved.



## Guiding Framework: 4 Strands of Effective Community Development



1. **Personal Relationships** – Building trust and connection with families.
2. **Facilitating Groups** – Creating inclusive spaces for dialogue and collaboration.
3. **Systems Thinking** – Aligning school and community goals for shared impact.
4. **Community Development & Organization** – Empowering families as partners in education.