# Stride Avenue Community School
# Community School Plan – 2026 - 2027

## 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, food, translation etc.)
2. **Gather Community Voice**
    - Conduct informal surveys with staff, students, and parents/caregivers (e.g., at SACC General Meetings, new family meetings, school events etc.).
    - 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
    - **October/November**: Halloween Event + Parent Education Night(SEL)
    - **January/February**: School Skate + Parent Education Night(Math) + Multicultural Event
    - **March/April/May**: Parent Education (Literacy) + Student-Led Conf + Walk-a-thon
    - **June**: Sports Day & Year-End BBQ
    - Monitor attendance at monthly SACC meetings (hybrid model: in-person and online).

## Annual Engagement Calendar

| Month | Event Highlights |
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| **September** | Meet the Teacher Night + Welcome Back Event SACC Meeting #1 (General Meeting – Online) |
| **October** | Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences<br>SACC Meeting #2 (Online)<br>Halloween Related Event |
| **November** | Parent Education Night (SEL) & SACC Mtg #3 with Dinner |

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| **December** | Winter Concert<br>Pancake Breakfast |
| **January** | Parent Education Night (Numeracy)+ SACC Meeting #4<br>School Skate Day(s) at Rosemary Brown Rec. Centre |
| **February** | Multicultural Celebration<br>SACC General Meeting #5 (Online) |
| **March** | Parent Education Night (Literacy Focus) + Dinner |
| **April** | Student-Led Conferences + Book Fair SACC<br>SACC General Meeting #6 (Online) |
| **May** | Walk-a-thon<br>Volunteer Appreciation Event<br>SACC AGM & Elections #6 (In-person + Dinner) |
| **June** | Staff Appreciation Event<br>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.