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23 Tools for Effective School Councils

Understanding the culture of the local community and basic volunteer psychology will help to identify tools and strategies that can assist the school council in its work. Identification of what school councils can do, and the resources available to assist. Understanding school community culture/barriers and volunteer motivation.

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"Students are the artists, scientists, thinkers, innovators and leaders of the future. They will be tasked with solving the problems of today, while imagining and creating a new tomorrow. Competencies are critical for equipping students with the attitudes, skills and knowledge that they will need to successfully navigate their personal journeys in learning, living and working." (Alberta Education) **Who** needs to be involved in competency development? **What** are competencies? **When** should teachers support the development of competencies? **Where** should competency development take place? **Why** is the development of competencies important? This webinar will provide you with answers to all these questions and more! Join us for an engaging, fast paced session and leave with a deeper understanding of why a competency focused approach is necessary for success in learning, living and life.

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25 Focus on Inclusion Focus on Inclusion: Creating Inclusive Education Communities – intro and overview with Karen Pedersen-Bayus

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1 Welcoming Refugees and Newcomers Welcoming Refugees and Newcomers to your School Council and Community with Nancy Musica

When you went to school, it was quite likely that your teacher stood at the front of the classroom, shared information to the whole class, and you were expected to listen, practice what you learned by yourself, complete worksheets, and then share show what you remembered by writing tests. These classrooms were quite often quiet places, where students worked alone. Today, you can walk into many classrooms and find students talking, experimenting, creating, and working in groups. They are working together to solve a real life complex question, challenge or problem. The teacher is no longer at the front of the class, but guiding teams of students as they work to solve the problem. This kind of learning has many titles: inquiry, project based learning, problem based learning, and discovery, to name a few. Why are teachers using this approach to learning? What are the benefits? As a parent, what do I need to know about inquiry or project based learning? Join us as we engage in our own inquiry about this strategy, and walk away with a deeper understanding of why an inquiry or project based learning approach is one of the "tools" that both teachers and parents should include in the "toolbox" of strategies to support deep learning.

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