

Parent Survey Summary of Results.

Thank you to those who completed and returned the parent survey. Close to 50% of parents responded. The findings are very helpful to us for discussing and planning improvements at our school. In general the responses were quite positive in all areas: Teaching and Learning, School Culture and Climate, School Growth and Improvement, School Life, and Parent and Community Involvement. The majority of parents are very pleased in particular with teacher expectations and meaningful engagement with students. Although over 80 % of the parents felt that assigned homework supports learning, about 6 % felt that it did not. 76% felt that children understood how well they were achieving, while 9% felt they did not. Working together when children have learning difficulties was very positive. (This is most comforting when approximately 30% of our students are performing below grade level in Language Arts, Math or both.) Results also indicate that our school is welcoming, and staff are approachable and available for both students and parents. Communication is open and children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. Most parents, 83%, think behavioural expectations are fair; 2.5% felt they were not; 94% support the school rules (expectations). Understanding of School Growth and Improvement seemed to pose some uncertainty for parents. A number of parents expressed uncertainty when it comes to knowing what our school development plan is. Parents felt very positive when it comes to how well our school promotes a healthy life style through healthy eating and school activities. Some expressed appreciation of early morning sports, intramural sports, extra music programs and after school activities, as well as the offering of many other club and group activities. 24% of parents feel the amount of fundraising is not appropriate. Some parents expressed the understanding of why schools have to fundraise but feel parents should become more vocal when it comes to government putting more support into our schools. Most parents felt positive about parent/teacher communication and parent involvement. Over 90% of parents indicated that useful information is received by way of our newsletter, web site, letters and phone calls. About 63% of parents indicated that they are regularly involved with school life. Almost 90% felt welcomed to participate on school committees and councils.

In interpreting the results of the parent survey we at Eliot River see the following areas of most concern: The amount of fund raising, Communication about School Development, and homework discrepancies.

We will be working with you to improve in these areas and again thank you for your honest and meaningful responses.