



Is this something your school council would use?

- Yes (21)
- Perhaps (8)
- No, not likely (2)
- It would have to be easy to access and navigate. (2)
- Depends on topic.
- Great idea in theory – hot topics will be useful when they are hot.
- Sounds like a “controlled” site, as to what you allow to be discussed.
- Important not to recreate the wheel as parent volunteers move through these roles

How do you think the online forum would help your school council?

- Sharing information and ideas/solve common problems/share processes/avoid recreating the wheel/brainstorming. (21)
- Fundraising ideas (5)
- Inspiration (2)
- Organize by ward and/or elementary/junior/high school. (2)
- Dealing with challenges more effectively.
- It could save time and have discussions in “real time.”
- Sharing success.
- You would get parents onto an online forum rather than to meetings. You would get a better representation from parents across the system.
- Guidelines would be necessary.
- Connecting more members of council in the same roles, not just the Key Communicator to share back ideas.
- It is the way we communicate now. We need to use the tools that are part of our world.
- Good way to communicate between meetings.
- If you want more help, let me know (contact information provided).
- Develop a larger voice of school councils to advocate for children’s learning.
- Provides focus and purpose for school council meetings.
- Would be another avenue for group discussion with parents who would not be able to attend council meetings.

Do you have any concerns about the online forum?

- Don't want it to be a negative place where parents complain about school administration, CBE, their school (5)
- Must be well moderated (3)
- Will be over-run by special interests (2)
- It should not be censored/no screening of comments (2)
- Privacy (2)
- Important to follow guidelines. (2)
- Low participation (2)
- Monitoring is important for safety
- Too much information, such as same idea listed many times. Need a way to summarize possibly.
- Point 8 in social media guidelines for school councils – 24 hours is not enough notice.
- Workshop about use and rules would be helpful
- Not everyone has internet access.

What topics would you be most interested in discussing in the online forum?

- Sharing successes/best practices/problem solve on fundraising, parent engagement, engaging speakers, school council functions etc. (15)
- Meeting discussion topics (4)
- Hot topics/big concerns (3)
- Gathering opinions before making decisions (2)
- Assessment and reporting (2)
- Equality of programming across schools
- Technology
- Homework as a tactic and philosophy
- Do parents want a by-election?
- Separate forums for similar needs (elementary, middle, high schools/alternative programs)
- Good deals for schools in purchasing