



Edmonton Catholic Schools ONE WORLD...ONE CENTRE!

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Learning Services – Enhancement

ELL School Advisory Panel Volunteer Job Description

The mission of Edmonton Catholic Schools is to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and that prepares them to live fully and serve God in one another.

One World...One Centre houses several services that provide support to our students and families newly arrived in Canada, as well as the staff in our schools.

Volunteer Position Title:

ELL (English Language Learner) Advisory Panel Member

Position Description:

One World...One Centre has an exciting opportunity for young adults to provide insight into the experience of new Canadian students in the Alberta school system. We would like to gather a group of young adults who were ELL students during junior high and high school. The goal is to have these young adults share their stories of being ELL students with school staff. The group will be given opportunities to spend time together with a facilitator, getting to know each other through meals and fun group activities. Activity costs will be paid by One World...One Centre. As opportunities arise for the group to present at professional development (PD) sessions to school staff we will select the group members who are available at that time. Most PD sessions will be during the daytime, but the group activities could be on evenings or weekends. We hope to have group activities about once a month, over the next several months, and then begin presenting to school staff during the 2019-2020 school year.

Purpose/Objectives:

Our goal is to have school staff (teachers, administrative staff, support staff) hear first-hand accounts of how it felt to be an ELL student in the Canadian school system. School staff will be able to ask questions of the young adults for the purpose of learning and improving the educational experiences of ELL students in our district. We want to know: Who made a difference in your educational journey? How did they help you? Looking back on your school years, what could have been done differently?

Responsibilities & Duties:

Attend group activities to get to know facilitators and other panel members.
Participate as a panel member in at least one PD session in the 2019-2020 school year.

Qualifications:

We are looking for ELL students who moved to Canada during their junior high or high school years. Panel members will currently be 20-25 years old.

Commitment Expected:

Must be available periodically during the school day to attend PD sessions.
Group activities and training will be provided at various times (afternoons, evenings, weekends) to suit all panel members.
We are asking that panel members attend as many group activities as possible (about once a month) and participate in at least one PD session (daytime) during the 2019-2020 school year.

Training Provided:

Through the monthly group activities, training will be provided, and the project will be more clearly defined. All panel discussions will be led by a facilitator and questions will be given ahead of time so panel members can prepare their answers.

Benefits to Volunteers:

Give back to your community by advising school staff on best practices to ensure success for our ELL students.

Skills Acquired will include:

Public Speaking

Employment References

Teamwork/Collaboration

Honorariums will be given to young adults who participate in the PD sessions. There will be no cost to the group members for the group activities or meals.

We hope you will be a part of this exciting opportunity to change the educational experience of ELL students in the future.

Interested Applicants Please Contact:

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