

Parents in search of information, board group told

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Knowledge, not power, is the key to making parent councils work, a school board committee was told.

"We learned more than anything that parents want information," said parent Michelle Irwin of Franklin Street Public School in Markham.

At a recent community meeting, Irwin said that a survey of parents at her school revealed that they don't want power over budgets and hiring of principals. They want to know more about how

the board works and what children are being taught, she said.

Standardized testing, outcome-based learning and curriculum are just some of the areas on which parents want information, Irwin said.

"Maybe parent councils won't be so frightening to administration when they know what we want."

Stouffville parent Martha Dodd said school councils will be an asset to the school community, and attract parents who are not involved in a parent-teacher association.

"There's a lot of untapped resources in

the community," said Dodd, who is on the Summitview Public School PTA executive.

But, she added, the councils should work hand-in-hand with PTAs which have an important role in helping provide funds and volunteers.

According to Ministry of Education guidelines, parents will make up the majority on school councils which will also contain students, principals, teachers, non-teaching staff and community representatives.

The councils will be responsible for advising its school on curriculum goals,

selection of principals, school budget, priorities, methods of reporting to parents and code of student behavior, states a ministry report.

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