

# ÉCOLE BROXTON PARK THOUGHT EXCHANGE 2022

## Parkland School Division 70

**Q1** What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about École Broxton Park School and/or Parkland School Division this year? (Note: you can hit the three purple dots and skip a thought in the 'Star' phase if a thought doesn't apply to you.)

**We appreciate having the ability for our kids to learn French.** French Immersion programming is a powerful and positive addition to my kids' lives.

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**Implementation of Black History** I'm glad to see Broxton acknowledging and celebrating the history of our BIPOC community

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**Parents who park in the drop off lane and leave their cars is still happening on a daily basis. Guardians who clog the lot by parking in wrong areas** This is concerning for the safety of our kids. We need some better signage permanently installed for non parking areas, and the crosswalk zone.

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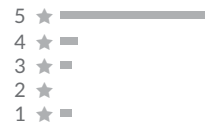
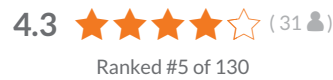


**The drop-off lane needs a plan and implementation for smoother flow, ie. effective use of both lanes, no parked vehicles in the lanes and no texting** The lanes have become so non-functional and traffic grid-locked that kids are being dropped off in the parking lot and at adjacent businesses

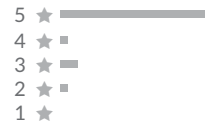
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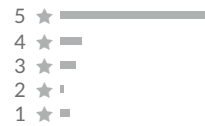
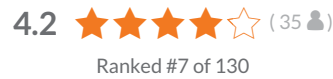
**I really appreciate how Roberta seems to know every single student and their parents and makes us all feel welcome and accepted** It brings a personal touch to the school especially since parents have not been able to be as actively involved over the last couple years.



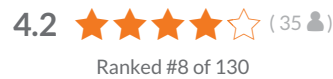
**I'm thankful that PSD refused to pilot the new proposed curriculum.** I don't think it's appropriate at all and I am quite concerned with the possibility of this new curriculum being implemented



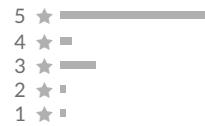
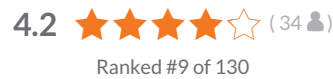
**Acceptance of all Differences are accepted**



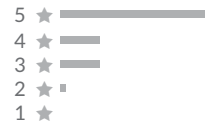
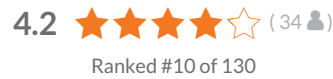
**Inclusive** As the parent of a special needs kiddo it is important that the school environment be accepting of my kiddo



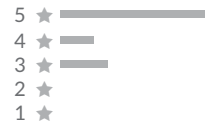
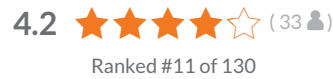
**I appreciate the celebration of Francophone culture as well as Black History month and Indigenous ways of knowing.** It's important for students to learn about these things in order to develop empathy.





**I appreciate the communication home, and more importantly appreciate that the Division did not opt into the new proposed curriculum.**

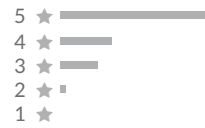


**Access to parking or increase parking lot?** Traffic congestion makes it hard to access for all vehicles, including emergency vehicles at peak times.





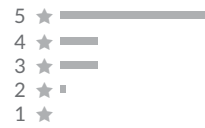
**The school being open and trying the best with all the restrictions** My children like going to school over at home learning

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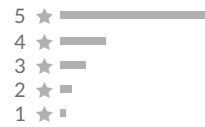
**I like the friendly front office staff, and the caring environment at the school.** It makes me feel reassured that my children are in a safe environment

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**I appreciate the lengths school staff have gone to in order to keep our kids safe during the pandemic** Kids need to feel safe in order to be successful at school

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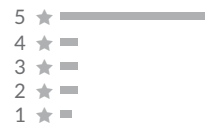
**I love the community of FI kids who grow together and have the same peers through elementary.** I feel it's important because it allows my kids the security and comfort of knowing most of their peers as they move from grade to grade.

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**I appreciate our teachers and staff! They are incredible. I hope we can continue to support them as they need.** It's important for our FI teachers feel supported in our city. They are our only local option for FI

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**Appreciate individual communication, especially through calls and agendas.** Regular communication is important to develop relationships, shared goals, and understandings.

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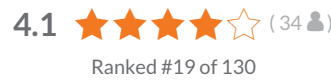


**I appreciate the dedication of the teachers - now more than ever. They have done their best to curate a safe learning environment for our children.** My child have been bullied and to have teacher notice and help means everything & helped my child's ability to learn.

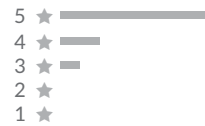
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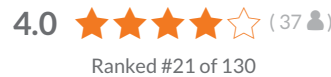
I love how informed the teachers keep me



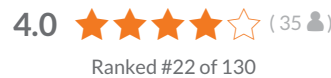
Drop-off and pick-up is poorly laid out. Unused lot to the west where no busses park and parents cannot park. Need brainstorming. It's unsafe and creates ridiculous delays for all involved.



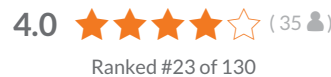
I appreciate that it is not easy to just walk into the school, both for reasons related to Covid, but also for the students overall safety / security. I appreciate knowing that my daughter is in a safe environment



Caring staff Ensures children get what they need



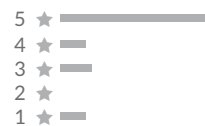
Communication Knowing where we are as a school and class is important to help our children grow and make decisions



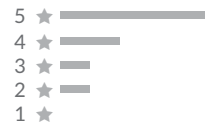
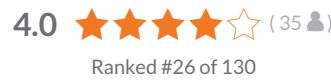
I appreciate the extensive communication from my child's teacher I know what they are learning and what I can be doing to help at home.



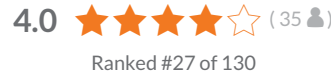
I appreciate the school celebrations and teachings of Pride, Black History Month, Indigenous teachings, etc. Only by teaching our students/children about others do they begin to understand. This is how we break the cycle of hate and fear.



**I'm very concerned about the proposed idea of moving French Immersion to other schools.** The community feeling at Broxton is important to me, and I feel we would lose that if FI programs are moved.



**Solid response to covid.** Safety of my child is very important



**I love the music program at the school, it is my kids favourite class.** It's important to recognize that not all children have access to music lessons outside of school.



**Dislike potential future plan to move FI in the middle of the short high school career. Taper the move to allow students to stay with one school.** Moving schools during the 3 years of high school has a significant affect on experience and fitting in. Will result in a loss of FI students.



**I am concerned about parking lot safety** Students are dropped off all over the place and it is difficult to know where they are when coming to the school.





**We absolutely love the staff. A huge shout out to Jackson Parker for running a Rec league for Basketball this year!! He's a great and truly committed**



**I have a student in Jr. High. I am hearing horror stories of students being severely bullied. How is the school ensuring the safety of the victims?** The mental health of our children is under great duress but so is the safety of those who are the victims. They need a place to feel safe at school.




**Parking and dropping off children is a nightmare**

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**Appreciate: sense of community within school; concerns: what that will look like 2023- on. Possible move of FI to other schools**

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**I appreciate the COVID policies for students I feel more comfortable sending my child to school where they have less risk of transmission of illnesses**

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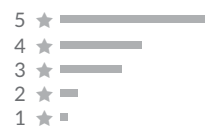
**I love the communication I get with both my kids teachers. Open communication about what my kids may be struggling with in class and social situations is important so we can give support at home when needed**

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**I love the school and teachers**

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**Teachers and support provided to students Students feel safe and cared for at school**

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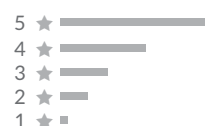
**I appreciate that school sports were continued this year It's important because this year has been hard on kids mental and physical health**

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**I really appreciate the regular communication home regarding how my child spends their day/week in kindergarten. It's nice to be in the loop of what they do every day. Also, it gives me the chance to review some the topics at home with my child.**

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**I appreciate having the opportunity to be involved and active with the school even during Covid.** I feel it's very important as volunteering instills a sense of responsibility and teaches kids about contributing to the community.

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**I am disappointed that speech therapy was not resumed, after my child qualified and with Covid all support for them has stopped and never restarted** This effects their entire future. Both education and mentally.

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**Pick-up/drop off issue is being reviewed and assessed by a parent council working committee** We need community, business, neighbourhood involvement to come to a resolution. Including school Division. Join parent council for updates.

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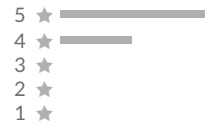
**Helpful office staff** first point of contact if I need to drop things off or connect with my child for some reason

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**I like the school has french immersion in Spruce Grove and hope they keep it here.** My kids have made friends since Kindergarten and will graduate next year in grade 9. I like the all in one from start to finish.

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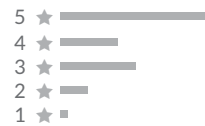
**Communication and action regarding parent's complain and concerns.** It is important for parents to know how the school is doing with their concerns or complains. Lack of follow up could mean it is disregarded.

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**Parking and Drop Off** There is a huge lack of parental parking at the school. Drop off and pick up have no flow or direction.

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**We need unified communication from school administration on a more regular basis. It cannot be left to the teachers alone.** Messages get lost along the way. Admin should share the big picture & teachers share what that means at a class level

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**My big concern is the potential relocation of the FI program. Insuring kids are safe from Covid. Inclusion of FI kids on after school sports teams** Splitting FI into 2 separate schools is very bad. Fundraising for FI would have a major loss. Masks are important! Not just PSAA kids on sports teams!

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**Appreciate the management of covid safety balanced with normalcy for the students.** Allows students to feel normal while remaining safe.

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**The admin staff has been great with us. We have a complex kid.**

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**We appreciate the teachers within the school. They work hard to make connections with the students and to communicate with parents.** Teachers are very important in a child's school experience over and above teaching. It is important to have caring, nurturing teachers.

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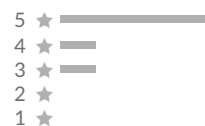
**I appreciate the front office staff. They play a key role in communicating with the school, especially during covid.**

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**I am happy to see the Indigenous seven teachings.** The TRC calls to action include teaching more Indigenous content and indigenization within all education levels.

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**I enjoy the communication weekly from my child's teacher.** Keeps me updated on what is happening. As my child often says I don't remember when asked about her day.

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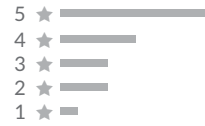
**Open communication from administration via email has been helpful** It is nice to know the school climate and overall goals on major and minor issues straight from the principal

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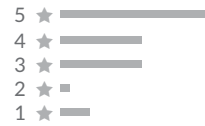
**The school does a great job of building school community**

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**My child's teachers and EA's have made a point to know her as an individual, allowing for good relationships and a strong sense of self.** My child is able to learn and grow more and more each day when their teachers know their needs and personality type

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**In my child's kindergarten class they do not wash their hands before snack and lunch. Instead they use hand sanitizer.** The CDC states that it is better to wash hands than use hand sanitizer. Also, it's a good habit to install in our children.

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**Would like to see fewer parents drop off on adjacent subdivision cul-de-sac and streets. Improvements needed to the drop-off system.** It is blocking the residents ability to come and go freely causing neighbour discontent and it is becoming dangerous for students arriving that way.

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**Students have access to a variety of supports in the school. Ms Macy in particular is a huge asset** My child can focus on learning in the classroom and feel supported in the community.

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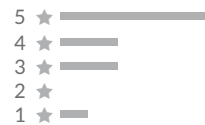
**I appreciate the effort the basketball coaches have made to allow all kids to participate and have opportunities to learn skills with the house league** It feeds their desire to be active, play with a team, and teaches sportsmanship

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**principal doesn't return calls or concerns** principal should be returning calls and connecting with parents to hear their concerns and questions

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**I appreciate engaging teachers and administration staff that make the kids feel special and have made school feel fun this year** Help to reduce the heavy mental health struggles through the pandemic

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**I appreciate the teachers who go the extra mile to engage and keep my son's engaged and not just teach the basics. They use additional tools.** My youngest is very bright and is ahead of his classmates and needs that extra stimulation. My oldest works at his own pace and is encouraged.

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**Lack of support for our children's mental health**

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**I appreciate the school communication with email. I have struggled with not being able to enter the school to interact with teachers and admin staff.** To further develop a relationship with teachers and staff.

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**I'm concerned that PSD will not continue any safety measures once the government of alberta removes restrictions** I feel like the pandemic is not over despite the government wanting it to be, and PSD has a responsibility to keep kids safe.

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**Community feel Sense of belonging**

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**Concern with covid learning lag.** I appreciate ongoing efforts and use of the grants for small group support, and I hope this continues.

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**Lack of taking bullying seriously**

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**The lack of a French Immersion option for high-school is a big concern for our family.** Without a local option, children will be forced out of their community for school which is not feasible for most.

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**Appreciate the flexibility of broxton's teachers with learning from home**When we felt we needed to

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**I don't like the bus system. Particularly that the kids have to switch busses at a different school.** It would be much easier if they could ride the bus straight to school

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**While I understand teachers a busy, it would be great to have more feedback on how a student is doing in school specially if struggling in a class** It allows parents to be more aware of their child's progress.

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**The drop off I. The morning is always very congested, I have waited as long as 15 minutes to exit the drop off lane/parking lot. I have been observing for several months and it is most often when people are trying to make a left turn out of the parking lot.**

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**I love the personal interest each staff member and teacher has with the students. My children really feel loved. This is something that I can't provide while away from my children, and I feel that Broxton Park fosters this type of environment very well.**

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**concerned about the school drop off / parking lot situation unsafe for students, no active supervision, traffic is unmonitored and takes much longer to drop off then it should**

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**Changing of school from Broxton Park going to Millgrove/ woodhaven as i have another kid who will be in kindergarten then Gr6 and gr2. It will he hard It will be easy for us parents if all of our kids are just in one school .especially to the young ones**

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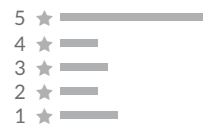
**I wish the holidays matched ECSD and EPSB better Makes child care challenging when we work for a different Division.**

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**The unwillingness of PSD to enforce a mask mandate, despite strong recommendations from government and health professionals shows a lack of leadership Classroom safety and delayed vaccination eligibility made children susceptible to a disease with poor understood long-term impacts**

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**The website is hard to navigate. I find it difficult to find information at times, especially in relation to parent involvement like council.**

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**I understand people are allowed to be sick, but our grade 1 teacher has been off for extended periods at a time.** The children have no stability, and the constant change has caused many issues at this young age

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**Transportation continues to be a nightmare.** Although it isn't the school's fault, the dept and carriers need to be held accountable for continuing to NOT update such a poorly functioning system

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**My son's teacher has been very helpful and understanding with the work we put in at home, even when he is still behind.** She understands that it's not a lack of work or care from my son or myself, we try but struggle and her understanding that make school easier.

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**Mme Taygan's weekly kinder updates** Helps us to better target her learning objectives at home with our daughter

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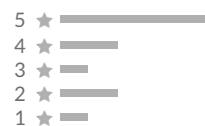
**Appreciate having French and PSAA in the same school** Allows the french students to participate in PSAA. PSAA is a great addition to the programs being offered by the school division.

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**I am also concerned with the amount of movies being watch in my elementary kids classes. Every why my child comes home and tells me about a movie.** I understand that screen time is a part of the curriculum, with Google classroom and such but why are rewards based on more screen time?

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**Concerning Broxton Park School, I value and appreciate how dedicated and flexible the staff and teachers have been these last few years through Covid** Learning really is a primary focus, and the teachers have gone over and above to help my children thrive in their education despite the circumstances

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**PSD does not seem to engage in extracurricular activities as frequently as other regional school districts.** Off-campus events and trips are a good way to increase learning while also being very fun for students.

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**Communication** A great job on communication; I just wish we could receive parent council information earlier on the website (minutes, agenda, etc.)

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**I wish there was a high school for the students in french immersion so they can continue to learn in french and not stop after grade 9.** English is everywhere and people pick it up quickly. You have to practice french so you don't forget/lose it.

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**Teacher changes mid year the norm** My child has had a teacher change, or long term sub every year. While this teaches resiliency, it has also caused a breakdown in relationships

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**Appreciate the teachers and how they have gone beyond to answer questions. Concerns- PSA involvement in Broxtons school. The idea of FI moving bldgs** We need amazing teachers who care for each students needs. I was unaware that the PSA program is not under Broxton Park. This information has me ?

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**Serious concerns about peer on peer harassment and abuses** The school has continuously ignored children who are asking for help making these things stop

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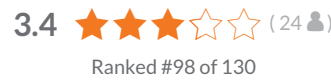


**Area Reviews should consider grandfathering and impact to students mental health.** The mental health of children should be first and foremost and doing what is best for existing students vs net new students.

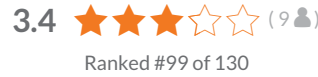
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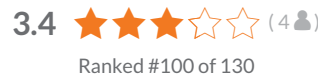
**Lack of communication for PSAA Program**  
Parents and teachers of PSAA are not receiving the same and consistent information as Broxton families which causes issues and challenges



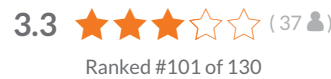
**Student needs are increasingly placed second to administrative needs. Teacher changes mid-year, high rates of leaves, teachers pulled for acting admin** Students need consistency, routine and predictability, but admin appear to place their own professional needs and right above the needs of the student



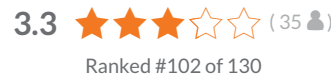
**The FI PSAA group feels like an afterthought within the school.** These children should have interaction with more of their FI peers, but also be included with pertinent PSAA events.



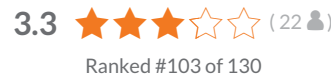
**The school isn't sharing enough with parents. I would like to see more of the celebrations and events going on in the school.** I want to know what is happening in the school and see my child and her class celebrated



**Masks being provided by the government were inadequate** I realize that this is not on Broxton Park but it would have been nice to see the division office purchase better ones for staff





**The only concern I could think of, would be that the teachers don't get enough downtime. This is not an issue with Broxton Park, but all teachers.** This is important because they're wellbeing reflects in their health, especially during a pandemic. More days off with home assignments for kids.



**Regular contact with the inclusion team, but our teacher this year is still not implementing IPP strategies yet which will affect high school next yea** This is the year that matters most for my daughters schooling and options available for next year.





**I have seen more bullying at this school this year than any other** trying to keep children engaged and excited about school is tough when they feel that they aren't accepted or protected

3.3  (10 )  
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**At home learning and how it affected my child's learning and progress** I don't speak French and so I feel my children were at a disadvantage

3.2  (33 )  
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**Better communication from the admin. I've seen very little from any of them this year.** These are the people who are in charge of the school. I'd love to see more from them and how they are supporting the students.

3.1  (36 )  
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**I really like the amalgamation of PSAA but also wonder if it takes away from other students regarding gym and sports**

3.1  (30 )  
Ranked #108 of 130





**I'm upset that it took so long for COVID tests to be sent home when other school divisions in the Edmonton area had tests being sent home in the fall** It possibly could have cut down on school acquired infections

3.1  (25 )  
Ranked #109 of 130



**PSAA FI Program** There is a lack of connection for the FI students in the PSAA program. I receive no communication from PSAA about their parent council.

3.1  (23 )  
Ranked #110 of 130





**Why is music class not taught in French? Why are they learning predominantly English songs?** Song is a great way to learn another language, and I think by singing in English (esp. k-3) we are losing an important & fun teaching opportunity.

3.1  (10 )  
Ranked #111 of 130






Everyone that work at the school is soo Caring .! Their is more violence act. the structure is getting old.

3.1  (7 )  
Ranked #112 of 130




The amount of communication compared to last year is severely lacking. The videos and emails were so informative and made parents feel involved. During covid, parents are not allowed to be involved as much, and having good communication makes it easier.

3.0  (34 )  
Ranked #113 of 130




Teaches making assumptions about kids behaviours without training, it may be useful to educate on signs of anxiety disorders vs making assumptions My child felt unable to speak to his teacher because she presumed she knew what he was going through, but had no idea.

3.0  (25 )  
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hot lunches should be healthier options the meals children eat should not be containing so much sugar and trans fat - causes sugar crashes in the afternoon, is not conducive for learning

3.0  (21 )  
Ranked #115 of 130



What is High Parks emergency plan in the event of a fire? My understanding is each school has a place to go in the event of an emergency. Why were our children outside in extreme temps?

3.0  (19 )  
Ranked #116 of 130



Grade 7 FI PSAA only had 4 peers to interact with during class and recess time. At a junior high age, students need a large group of peers to interact with. Only having a few peers within a grade can be isolating.

3.0  (4 )  
Ranked #117 of 130



There needs to be more communication at the school level. The newsletters are too short. As a working parent it is hard to connect with the school about school wide pieces.

2.9  (34 )  
Ranked #118 of 130





**Parents using neighbouring streets to park and drop off children instead of using the school parking lot**

2.9  (29   
Ranked #119 of 130





**Lack of communication from staff regarding the above**

2.9  (25   
Ranked #120 of 130





**teacher involvement is lacking teachers aren't looking out for the students during recess or lunches, they are absent**

2.9  (9   
Ranked #121 of 130





**Is High Park able to bring in support programs for mental health, such as; Community Helpers with FCSS? Training on crisis intervention and MHFA? Other community supports that each school could support is Roots of Hope Roundtable.;\*specialized supports\*training& networks,\*means safety, awareness**

2.9  (5   
Ranked #122 of 130





**There's no online option this year and with my son being sick so often he missed 8-10 weeks of school this year already. He had to sacrifice 7 years of French immersion because of this and had no choice but to switch to English.**

2.8  (16   
Ranked #123 of 130



**Tech needs to be included in all grades to use. Some grade 1 students haven't used Chromebooks yet. All students should be using and learning tech in classrooms.**

2.8  (5   
Ranked #124 of 130



**So happy there is no mask mandate for children. And those that want to wear one are also supported. Freedom of choice and personal comfort.**

2.5  (34   
Ranked #125 of 130



**I'm glad children don't require masks anymore.**

2.5 ★★☆☆☆ (20 👤)  
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**Kids don't need to wear masks** Learning to speak clearly and read non verbal cues.

2.4 ★★☆☆☆ (18 👤)  
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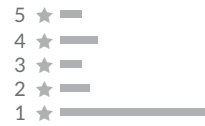
**I feel Broxton and PSD should have advocated for reducing restrictions in schools after they came into effect in the Fall.** Lockdowns and masks have had a detrimental effect on children's health

2.3 ★★☆☆☆ (35 👤)  
Ranked #128 of 130



**Curriculum or or not, any sexual education or extended discussions surrounding Pride (month of June) be subject to parental consent.** Kids are easily swayed by flavour of the month ideas that cause confusion that further leads to mental illness and higher incidents of self harm.

2.2 ★★☆☆☆ (34 👤)  
Ranked #129 of 130



**I appreciate that masks are not mandatory for children in Grades K-3. I would strongly support the move to remove the mask policy completely.** It is very important to me that my children dont wear masks.

2.2 ★★☆☆☆ (34 👤)  
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