



## Island Public / Natural Science School

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### 2023-2024 School Council Elections

As we prepare to begin the school year on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, I would like to advise you that the 2023-2024 School Council Election will take place on **Thursday, September 14, 2023**.

Under Provincial Regulations 612/613, and TDSB Guidelines, there must be 14-day notification of the election of parent/guardian/caregiver members of the school council, and the election is to occur within 30 days of the start of the school year.

School Councils are a great way to become engaged in the school community. The purpose of the Council is “to improve student achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents” (Reg.612/2.1) through active parent engagement.

- There are **80 vacant positions for parent/guardian/caregiver representatives** on the school council who will serve a one-year term. See IPSC Election Procedures [online](#).
- All parents/caregivers with children in our school are eligible to be elected for school council.
- A person is not qualified to be member of council if that person is employed at the Toronto District School Board, unless reasonable steps to inform about that employment have been communicated to those who are qualified to vote in the election.

Once the new council and executive are in place, they will set the date, time and location for the 4 School Council meetings for the school year, and any special events and activities. All parents/guardians/caregivers are welcome to attend and participate in School Council Meetings.

### IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

All updates, announcements, and nominee/electee listings will be published on the [School Council Tab of our school's website](#):

- **Monday, September 11, 2023: NOMINATIONS CLOSE.** Nominations for parent/guardian/caregiver representatives are due no later than 2:00 p.m. to Principal Gary Pieters by email at [gary.pieters@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:gary.pieters@tdsb.on.ca).
- **Tuesday, September 12, 2023: Listing of Candidates made public**
- **Thursday, September 14, 2023: ELECTION DAY.** If there are 80 or fewer names put forth, then the nominees will be acclaimed. If there are more than 80 nominees, the election will be held in-person at Island Public/Natural Science School at 4:00 p.m.
- **Friday, September 15, 2023: School Council Representatives Announced**
- **Thursday, October 5, 2023: EXECUTIVE ELECTION.** At the first School Council Meeting the election of Executives, including Chair; Co-Chair; Secretary; and Treasurer, will take place.
- **Tuesday, October 10, 2023: School Council Executive Announced**

### ELECTION COMMITTEE

The election planning committee has representation from parents Maria Khan and Judee Yarmolinsky, and is chaired by principal Gary Pieters. This committee is responsible for planning and holding elections for parent representatives for the 2023-2024 School Council.

Gary Pieters  
CC: Maria Khan  
Judee Yarmolinsky