



## KENSINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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### **School Council Election Nominees for Parent Representatives on the 2025-2026 Kensington Community School - School Council**

At the close of nominations on Friday, October 3, 2025, the following Parents/Legal Guardians submitted nomination forms to serve as parent representatives on the 2025-2026 Kensington Community School - School Council.

**10 Positions Available - 10** nominees submitted forms by the deadline

#### **Andres Valenzuela**

Employed by TDSB: **No**

#### **Julia Dorfman**

Employed by TDSB: **No**

#### **Biography**

I have formally served on the parent council for the 2024-2025 academic year as the Secretary, focusing on different events, retention of families in the school, working directly with Superintendent Altosaar on Statement of Needs etc. Prior to formally being on the parent council, I was very involved in mitigating the impact of the threat of a triple 4/5/6 grade class for the 2024/2025 academic year. Writing petitions, working with Superintendent Chan and speaking to the TDSB through the delegation process. I am passionate about attracting new families to KCS and retaining our current students and teachers to ensure our students can experience a variety of subjects (dedicated STEM class) and programs (inter mural sports) and that we have manageable class sizes and only 2 (not 3) grade splits.

## **Michael Krygier-Baum**

Employed by TDSB: **No**

### **Biography**

I am currently the co-chair of the school council, and was actively involved last academic year, and the start of this year. My focus last year was on the PART process, and addressing school enrollment concerns. I am interested in continuing with the school council this year as well.

## **Janice Kwan**

Employed by TDSB: **No**

### **Biography**

I have been an engaged and active member of the parent community of this school since my oldest son started in the infant room of Kensington Kids in 2018. I am incredibly grateful for the amazing educators and community we have at KCS. Over the years, I have been involved in the School Council in various capacities. Notably, I led a school-wide needs assessment to support equitable access to before- and after-school care and helped lead our school's advocacy efforts calling for enhanced public education funding. I am eager to continue working together as a school community to make our school the best possible place for our children to grow and learn. In my spare time, you may find me catching my breath at Morning Running Club or devouring the latest Dav Pilkey at Morning Reading Club.

## **Kirk Chang**

Employed by TDSB: **No**

## **Kiara Kent**

Employed by TDSB: **No**

### **Biography**

I am a book editor with Knopf at Penguin Random House Canada, where I edit and publish literary fiction and narrative non-fiction. I believe my writing and communication skills, as well as community-building efforts, would be of value to the KCS community and council. We have been at KCS for 4 years and I am aware of the challenges the school faces but also of the incredible efforts of staff to make KCS a pillar of the community and a truly wonderful school, and I admire the wider group of parents and kids who make this school special and worth advocating for. I would be happy to offer some of my time towards those communal efforts.

## **Natalie Tregaskiss**

Employed by TDSB: **No**

### **Biography**

Barrington is my third child to attend Kensington Community School. I have been a parent at this school for over 10-years and very interested in its success.

## **Patricia Au**

Employed by TDSB: **No**

### **Biography**

I am interested in focusing on outreach to connect the school with the community and for us to find ways to learn from each other and enrich the experience for students and their families. I'd like to focus on the fabric and culture which makes our neighbourhood one of the most diverse and unique communities in the city.

## **Rebecca Osolen**

Employed by TDSB: **No**

### **Biography**

As a member of the school council, I will help our kids thrive!

**I will help keep KCS safe.** That's why I am serving on the Community Liaison Committee - to improve safety at our school

**I will fundraise for KCS.** I helped our school to win a city grant of over \$4,000. to found our pollinator garden.

**I will advocate for school enrollment.** I worked with parents to tell the TDSB, the ministry and the media what we want.

## **Lorraine Gordon**

Employed by TDSB: **No**

### **Biography**

I've been a parent at KCS school since the 2023/2024 school year, and a member of the Kensington neighborhood since 2015. I have participated in a number of school initiatives, such as KCS Staff and Teacher Appreciation Day, KCS graduations, the Pollinator Garden project, have organized a class field trip through our neighborhood to teach students about our native tree species with a UofT arborist, and have volunteered as a parent rep for my son's class. More recently, I've enjoyed Running Club and Tuesday Reading Club, and am enthusiastic about all things KCS. In my professional life, I've practiced U.S. Immigration Law for nearly 15 years, where I've served diverse and innovative clients. I feel eager and energized to be a member of the Parent Council, where I'm committed to growing and maintaining a great learning environment for all KCS students and fostering a space where diversity is cherished. Some topics that are of particular interest to me are maintaining enrollment numbers at KCS, doing what we can to prevent and avoid 3-grade splits, and boosting access to STEM and extra curricular programs at our school.