

Osler School Council Elections 2024-2025

Vote. Engage. Advocate. Communicate

The Osler School Council is a rich and dynamic group that significantly contributes to the Osler community. Elections are coming up and we encourage you to have your say in our school community. Here's the many ways you can get involved!

Role of School Council

- The role of school councils is to improve student achievement and well-being and enhance the accountability of the education system.
- All parents and caregivers of students attending Sir William Osler (both virtual and in-school) are eligible to participate in the Osler School Council as members-at-large and hold executive positions such as Chair.
- The Osler School Council will play a great role in supporting families, students and caregivers via ongoing communications with the Principal, Vice-Principal, Superintendent and Board Trustee and parent support meetings featuring guest speakers on topics of interest to families and caregivers.

Why get involved?

- Osler is a unique school within the TDSB comprised of students with a variety of skills, competencies and disabilities. Our students will be transitioning into adulthood and job searches which require additional supports, planning and resources.
- The voice of our families and community deserves to be heard as we advocate for the specific needs of our students.

How can you participate?

- Fill out your nomination form to become a member-at-large or nominate yourself or someone you know for an executive position.
- Attend our 4 quarterly meetings virtually online or by phone. Translators are available for these meetings.
- Speak up in person during meetings or via email on issues important to you and ask questions.
- All levels of participation are welcome.

[School Council Executive Nomination Form: https://forms.gle/n8oPFUy3BtEMSHD88](https://forms.gle/n8oPFUy3BtEMSHD88)

Why School Councils Matter

QUICK GUIDE FOR PARENTS 2022

Ontario Regulation 612, the provincial law for School Councils, requires every school to have a School Council. School Councils are in place for parents to work with their Principals to help improve student achievement. Members of the council include parents, school staff, and community members.

HOW DO PARENTS BENEFIT FROM SCHOOL COUNCILS?

- School Councils support student success
- School Councils hold the education system accountable to parents, working with Principals and even make recommendations to School Boards!
- School Councils give parents and caregivers a voice and build relationships with school staff.
- Through School Councils, parents and caregivers access vital school data and committees

ACCESS TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

- TDSB Student & Parent Census survey results
- EQAO results for your school
- TDSB policy consultations

SCHOOL COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

- School Improvement Plan (SIP) – contribute to goals around School Belonging/Well-Being, Achievement, Indigenous Education & Sovereignty
- Caring & Safe Schools committee
- Staffing committee (elementary)
- Annual School Operating Budget

COMMUNICATION

- Partnership with your Principal
- Build relationships with staff, other parents, caregivers, your community
- Realize the parent/caregiver voice
- Connect with TDSB secure email account
- Accountable to your school community

IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Develop School Statement of Needs (SSON)
- Give feedback on Staffing Models and plans
- Work on your school's Safety Plan
- Create school Mental Health activities

LEARN MORE ABOUT SCHOOL COUNCILS

- [Ontario. Regulation 612](#)
- [Ministry of Education's School Council Guide](#)
- [PIAC School Council Toolkit](#)
- [PIAC's School Council Basics](#)
- [TDSB School Council Election Guide](#)
- [CODE Parent Toolkits](#)
- [TDSB Parent & Community Engagement Office \(PCEO\)](#)
- [Superintendents and Trustees](#)

To learn more about PIAC, visit: www.torontopiac.com

SCHOOL COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT STAGES

STAGE 1 – Informing

- Reliant on Principal leadership
- Members learning roles & responsibilities
- Learning to work together as a team
- Establishing relationships with staff & Principal to involve broader community



STAGE 2 – Involving

- Active executive leadership
- Clear on roles & responsibilities
- Developing understanding of council accountability (reporting)
- Using communications tools to reach parents & community
- Experiencing success in involving stakeholders



STAGE 3 – Engaging

- Interdependent leadership between Chair(s) & Principal
- Effective support of student learning & well being
- Accountability in place: Annual Reports, SSON, Fundraising Plan, accounting
- Knowledgeable of social, health conditions and needs of families