



Billy Green Elementary School

PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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What is "School Council"?

School councils provide advice to the principal and school board. Every school must have a school council, and members include parents, the principal, a teacher, a student (optional), a non-teaching staff member and a community representative. The majority of members must be parents, and the chair must be a parent. Principals do not vote on school council decisions.

School councils are governed by [Ontario Regulation 612](#), which sets out the purpose, membership and election requirements for school councils. Under section 2(1), the purpose of the school council is "through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents." School councils are responsible for:

- Sharing information with parents and the community, and seeking their input on matters the council is discussing.
- Providing advice to the principal and school board on issues such as school year calendars, strategies to improve school performance, codes of conduct and dress, curriculum priorities, safe arrival programs, community use of schools and community programs provided at the school, selection criteria for principals and board policies that will affect the school.
- Many school councils are also actively involved in organizing social events for the school community and fundraising events.

It is a great way to keep up with what is happening in the school. You can also contact the school council if you have questions about how to get involved at the school or if you are looking for information from a parent perspective.

Visit the School Council website for meeting dates and minutes at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/billygreen/parent-council/>

SCHOOL COUNCIL VOTING MEMBER NOMINATION 2017-2018

Council meetings are open to everyone in the community, so you do not have to be a voting member to attend or speak at any of our meetings. Meetings are generally held on the last Thursday evening of the month in our library from 6:30-8:00pm. If, however, you are interested in being a voting member of the School Council for Billy Green Elementary please fill out the attached nomination form. You may also self-nominate. Voting members must be a custodial parent/caregiver of a student attending Billy Green and must commit to attending monthly meetings regularly for the entire school year. HWDSB employees must disclose this in their profile.

If you wish to be a voting member we ask that this be returned to the Billy Green office by Tuesday, September 12th.



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The first School Council Meeting of the year with the outgoing executive will be Thursday, September 21st at 6:30pm in our library. Nominations and elections for executive positions will take place at this meeting.

If you wish to be a voting member on the 2017-2018 School Council please complete and return to the school office by 3:00pm on Tuesday Sept. 12th, 2017 (please print).

Candidate Name: _____

Person nominating: _____ (can be self)

Candidate's Address: _____

Candidate's Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Children's names, grades, class

Signature of Candidate _____