

October 3, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Every school in Ontario is required to have a School Council to work collaboratively with the principal to improve student achievement and to enhance accountability of the school with parents. Information about School Councils can be found here:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/council02.pdf>.

We welcome all parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on our School Council for the 2021-2022 school year. Typically, School Councils meet in person on a regular basis to discuss school-wide interests and to make recommendations to the principal, however, this year, due to Public Health considerations, meetings will be held virtually.

**School Councils must hold annual elections to identify voting members** and various positions such as School Council Chair. Elected members vote on School Council matters and represent the group's ideas and advisory suggestions for the Principal. Please note that you do not have to be an elected member of School Council to attend meetings. All meetings are open to all parents/guardians who wish to attend.

To declare your interest to become an elected member on School Council, please complete the **nomination form** below. You may also nominate another parent/guardian of a student at our school to become an elected School Council member. All nomination forms must be received by October 6, 12 pm. Our first meeting of this school year will be held virtually on October 6 at 6:30 pm via MS TEAMS. Please note that you must attend this meeting in order to be elected to Council.

Please consider joining us on School Council as an elected or general member. School Council involvement is a great way to support your child's education and we look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

Carley Casey  
Current Chair

Charon Buck  
Principal

Mary Hopkins SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM - 2021-2022

**SELF-NOMINATION**

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I would like to join School Council as an elected member. I understand that an elected position requires more involvement and responsibilities than a general member does. I understand that this role involves attending School Council meetings.

**My Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**My Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**My E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in serving in one of the following School Council roles (please circle):**

*CHAIR   CO-CHAIR   TREASURER   SECRETARY   MEMBER AT LARGE   OTHER*

**I am the parent/guardian of** \_\_\_\_\_ [student name] who is currently registered in Grade \_\_\_\_ at Mary Hopkins.

I am an employee of HWDSB (please circle):        YES        NO

**NOMINATION OF ANOTHER CANDIDATE**

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**Nominator's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggested School Council roles for the nominee (please circle):**

*CHAIR   CO-CHAIR   TREASURER   SECRETARY   MEMBER AT LARGE   OTHER*

**The nominee is the parent/guardian of** \_\_\_\_\_, who is currently registered in Grade \_\_\_\_ at Mary Hopkins .

Is the nominee an employee of HWDSB? (please circle):        YES        NO

**Please complete and return this form to the school office by October 6, 12 pm.**