



Sir William Osler Elementary School

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RE: School Council 2022-23

Dear Osler Families,

Every school in Ontario is required to have a School Council to work collaboratively with the Principal/Vice Principal to improve student achievement and to enhance accountability. We welcome all parents/caregivers with children attending Osler, who are willing to volunteer their time to participate in our School Council for the 2022-2023 school year. School Council will meet approximately 4 -5 times throughout the school year to discuss school-wide interests that enhance our learning community.

We are required to hold annual elections to identify voting members, including specific roles within Council, including Chair, Secretary, and members at large. Elected members are able to vote on the ideas of the group and provide advisory suggestions to the Principal/Vice Principal. To declare your interest in serving as an elected member we invite you to complete the attached form. Please email your declaration of interest form to sirwilliamosler@hwdsb.on.ca or send in as a hard copy.

All declarations of interest to become an elected member must be received by school administration by **Wednesday October 5th by 12pm**. We will have our first SWO School Council meeting on **Thursday October 6th @ 5pm** and at that meeting we will elect the 2022 members (and hold a vote for various positions if necessary). If you are interested in attending virtually please email sirwilliamosler@hwdsb.on.ca for an MS Teams invite by Wed. Oct. 5th @ 12pm. *HWDSB will also host the Annual School Council Start-Up Session for parents/guardians and administrators who want to learn more about the role of School Councils and how they work. 2022-23 School Council Start-Up Session: Wednesday, October 12, 2022, Virtual or On-Site at the Education Centre (to be determined) Light Dinner at 5:30 p.m. to be determined | Agenda 6:00 p.m. More information to follow.*

You do not have to be an elected member of council to attend meetings. We welcome all interested parents/caregivers to join us. Your ideas and questions help to make us better and participating is an excellent way to support your child/ren's education. We ask that **all communication and discussions follow a respectful, positive, problem-solving approach as we work together as a team at Osler**. Questions/concerns/ideas should be forwarded to the Council Chair and Principal two days prior to a school council meeting, and items will be added to the agenda for discussion as time permits.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you to make Sir William Osler the best place to learn.

Sincerely,

T. Walsh
Principal

U. Qureshi
Vice-Principal