



Spring Valley Elementary School

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October 4, 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 (1) voting members and (2) various leadership positions such as School Council Chair (or Co-Chairs), Treasurer and Secretary. Voting 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 a voting member of School Council to attend meetings. All meetings are open to all parents/guardians who wish to attend as observers. Notification of meetings will be sent out through SchoolMessenger emails and postings on our school website.

To declare your interest to become a voting member, **or** an elected leader on School Council, please complete the **nomination form** below. You may also nominate another parent/guardian of a student at our school to become a voting member or elected leader. All nominations forms must be received by **Wed, October 14th**. Please note that you must attend the first meeting on **Thursday, October 15th** in order to be a voting member or elected leader on Council. You will receive an email invitation to join the meeting when your nomination form is received via email to Mrs McVittie or by submitting a paper copy to the main office. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm via MS TEAMS. If you do not receive an email invitation, please join us by following the link posted on our school website or the link contained in the school messenger email.

Please consider joining us on School Council as a general voting member if you are able to commit to attending meetings this year. They will be held on Thursdays at 7:00 pm (dates to be determined). If you commit to being a voting member, but then cannot attend, it does impact our ability to vote on things as we will not have a quorum of members in attendance. You are



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always welcome to join meetings as a participant even if you choose not to be a voting member.

School Council involvement is a great way to support your child's education and we look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

Kate Babetin and Jeff Evans, Co-Chairs,
Barb McVittie, Principal

PLEASE SEE THE NOMINATION FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE

It can be printed and returned to the main office, or emailed back to Mrs McVittie at blmcvitt@hwdsb.on.ca



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SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM - 2021-2022

SELF-NOMINATION

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 _____ **[** _____ **]** who
is currently registered in Grade ____ at Spring Valley School.

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

NOMINATION OF ANOTHER CANDIDATE

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 Spring Valley School.

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

**Please complete and return this form to the school office or email to Mrs. McVittie by
Wednesday, October 14th.**