

September 8, 2025

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: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/school-councils-guide-members>

We welcome all parents/guardians who are willing to volunteer their time to participate on our School Council for the 2025-2026 school year. School Councils meet on a regular basis to discuss school-wide interests and to make recommendations to the Principal. Our first meeting will be on **September 25** in the **Winona Library starting at 6:00 pm**. We will begin the meeting with our elections.

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 brought to the meeting. Please note that you must attend the meeting on September 25 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,

Charon Buck
Principal

Winona SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM – 2025-2026

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 regularly 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 (Voting Member) OTHER

I am the parent/guardian of _____ [student name] who is currently registered in Grade ____ at Winona.

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 (Voting Member) OTHER

The nominee is the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered in Grade ____ at Winona.

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

Please complete and return this form to the school office or email address winona@hwdsb.on.ca or bring to the meeting on September 25, 2025.