

HWDSB

Description of the Student Trustee Role

A Student Trustee is a member of the Board of Trustees and as such is part of the deliberations and decision-making of all matters brought before the Board. Some critical responsibilities of the Student Trustee are to represent the interests of students during deliberations of the Board of Trustees and to communicate Board decisions to system students.

There are two positions for Student Trustee.

Elected by students attending an Election Assembly, each Student Trustee has a standing position on Student Senate. The two student trustees are expected to co-chair the Student Senate meetings and provide updates to Senate on Board directions, policies and activities.

Each Student Trustee is asked to bring forward issues from Student Senate to the Board according to established protocol. There are two critical meetings of the Board of Trustees each month, held on Monday evenings, which each Student Trustee is required to attend. There are also information sessions that the Student Trustees may choose to attend. There are no meetings in the summer months.

At any meeting, it is expected that the Student Trustees will conduct themselves in accordance with the Board of Trustees' Rules and Regulations, and Robert's Rules of Order.

Additionally, the Student Trustees are often asked to represent the student voice at special community events and provincial student conferences, and to be involved in selected Board activities.

1. Term of Office

The term of office for student trustees shall be one year commencing August 1 to and including July 31 of the following year.

2. Honorarium

There is an honorarium of \$2500 for the term, with reimbursement for approved expenses.

3. Eligibility

A student is qualified to act as a student trustee if he or she is enrolled in a senior division with HWDSB and is,

- a. a full-time pupil or
- b. an exceptional pupil in a special education program for whom the board has reduced the length of the instructional program on each school day under subsection 3 (3) of Regulation 298 of the revised Regulations of Ontario, 1990 (Operation of Schools – General) made under the Act
- c. if under the age of 18, provide written confirmation of support and acknowledgement of their responsibilities from their parent/guardian/caregiver
- d. commit the necessary time to attend meetings and perform the duties and responsibilities of a student trustee
- e. sign a Declaration agreeing to follow the rules of the Board of Trustees, represent the voices of the entire student population to the best of their ability and to maintain confidentiality with respect to board business dealt with in closed sessions of the board and/or committee meetings

More information about the role of a Student Trustee can be found at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/trustees/>