

GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Trustees

Appendix C

Election of Student Trustees and Appointment of Shakowennakara:tats

1. Two student trustees will be elected by their peers, with an election being held no later than the last day of February on an annual basis
2. One Shakowennakara:tats will rise up through CC:ROSE no later than the last day of February on an annual basis
3. Notice shall be sent to each secondary school no later than December advising students of the opportunity to be a student trustee for the following school year.
4. A Student Trustee Information Session will be held for students to learn more about the role and ask questions of the current student trustees and Shakowennakara:tats. This session is open to parents/guardians/caregivers, school staff and Principals who are interested in learning more about the role of student trustee and how to support students should they be elected.
5. Students interested in the position of student trustee will be asked to complete an application and submit a resume detailing their qualifications and experiences for the position. Students who are interested in the Shakowennakara:tats position will be asked to contact the Indigenous Education team and submit their interest via CC:ROSE.

SELECTION PROCESS

Shakowennakara:tats

6. The Shakowennakara:tats rises up through the Cultivating Community: Reclaiming Our Spaces in Education (CC:ROSE), Indigenous Student Community, which is a student-led initiative (for Indigenous Learners, by Indigenous Learners) which began in 2018-19.

The process by which Shakowennakara:tats is raised is through consensus decision-making, which is a "creative and dynamic way of reaching agreement between all members of a group. Instead of simply voting for an item and having the majority of the group getting their way, a consensus group is committed to finding solutions that everyone actively supports - or at least can live with" (Consensus Decision Making, Short Guide, www.seedsofchange.org.uk).

Two Student Trustees

7. All candidates who have applied and meet the eligibility criteria will be invited to participate in an election meeting, where candidates will be provided with questions to answer that will be recorded and posted on the HWDSB website (along with their written answer to the application question) that voters will have the opportunity to view before casting their electronic ballot. .

The electors will consist of students in Grades 7 to 12 across the district. The eligible student body will vote electronically through secret ballot. The votes will be tabulated electronically and the top 2 names for each school will be forwarded as the final vote for each school. Once all school votes

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have been tabulated, the top two names will be considered as the Student Trustees for the upcoming year.

8. The Officer of Trustee Services shall bring forward a report to the Board as soon as possible following an election, and shall provide the Ministry of Education with these names, no later than 30 days after the election.