

Background

The role of a Student Trustee includes representing approximately 78,000 students and leading Student Senate, a group comprised of secondary school representatives across the DPCDSB.

Through Student Senate, meaningful discussions take place regarding a variety of issues, initiatives, and ideas that can be shared easily with other secondary schools. Through leadership and participation in these meetings, the Student Trustees can better understand what students need or want.

Information arising from Student Senate meetings is shared with the Board of Trustees through Student Voice reports, which are brief summaries on initiatives Student Senate is planning as well as other any other information related to student voice.

As a Student Trustee, you will have opportunities to develop and enhance critical life skills, including leadership, communication, while helping prepare you for the future. Student Trustees participate in a variety of conferences and meetings such as, OSTA-AECO conferences and OCSTA meetings..

Requirements to be a Student Trustee

1. Must be a baptized Catholic.
2. Must be a full-time student in senior division.

Positions Available

- One Student Trustee to represent Mississauga-based Families of Schools (including St. Oscar Romero)
- One Student Trustee to represent Brampton/Caledon/Dufferin/Malton-based Families of Schools.

Role of a Student Trustee

- Represent the 77,000 DPCDSB students on the DPCDSB Board of Trustees
- Attend all Board meetings.
 - Participate actively and pay attention during meetings.
 - Use proper etiquette and act professionally.
 - Actively represent student needs.
- Collaborate with a variety of organizations.
 - General member of OSTA-AECO, an organization for all Student Trustees in Ontario.
 - Member of Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA).
- Present Student Voice Report at Regular Board Meetings;
 - a brief summary of Student Senate activities and anything you feel should be brought forward to the Board of Trustees.
 - Lead Student Senate, a group of elected students representing DPCDSB secondary school students.
 - Create agendas and propose initiatives.
 - Lead discussions regarding areas of concern to students.
 - Discuss initiatives to implement board-wide.
 - Provide students with a platform to speak about their concerns and solutions.
 - Respond to emails from students, staff, faculty, parents, and external organizations.

The Role of the DPCDSB Student Trustee

- Network with other Student Trustees and adult Trustees from across the province.
- Respond to emails from board-approved organizations.

Benefits to Being a Student Trustee

- Opportunities for leadership and communication skills development and growth.
- Opportunities to interact with hundreds of other Student Trustees as well as many other education stakeholders.

Election Process

- Elections will be held within each secondary school (one candidate per school).
- All candidates (maximum one per secondary school) and the current school Prime Minister (or designate) from each secondary school will meet with the current Student Trustees and the Student Trustee Liaison on the decided date.
- Candidates will have an opportunity to make a three-minute presentation that speaks to their suitability to represent the interests of students on the Board of Trustees.
- The Prime Ministers (or designate) of each secondary school will elect the Student Trustee from the south and north geographic regions of the DPCDSB in accordance with Board-approved procedures.
- The names of the two elected Student Trustees will be reported to the Faith and Program Committee and provided to the Ministry of Education within 30 days following the election.

For more information about the process to become a Student Trustee, please contact your school Principal.