

Claude Watson School for the Arts

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Laura Jones - Principal

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

“The purpose of a school council, is through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.” -Ontario Ministry of Education.

“School council is an ADVISORY group” (that) “provides advice to the school principal and/or school board on any matter.” -Education Act Reg. 612/3.8;
612/20

On **November 25**, 2019, @ 7pm, **School Council Elections** will be held for those parents interested in becoming voting members of the school council. In order to be eligible, one must: be a parent and/or caregiver of a child currently enrolled at Claude Watson School of the Arts; and is properly nominated (self-nominations are accepted).

Council meets several times each year. Meetings are an opportunity for the principal to bring forth issues occurring at the school that could benefit from parent input and/or support. Parents also put forth issues and ideas for discussion and possibly problem-solving. Fundraising and deciding how to spend fund-raised dollars are examples an oft-discussed item at meetings.

If you are interested in joining council this year (or would like to nominate another parent/caregiver), please submit a completed nomination form to the school office **by 4 pm on Thursday, November 21st**. Nominations can also be made in person at the council meeting on **Monday, November 25, at 7 pm** which will held in the multi-purpose room at CWSA. Parents interested in being elected/acclaimed to the school council must be in attendance at the meeting.

If you have any questions about any of this information, council elections, or the council meeting, please email me at john.choi@tdsb.on.ca.

Sincerely,

John Choi
Interim School Council Chair



CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS SCHOOL COUNCIL
PARENT/GUARDIAN NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate or declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the CWSA School Council for the 2019/2020 school year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Evening Tel # _____ Daytime Tel # _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I am the parent of the following student(s) at CWSA:

Student _____ in Grade: _____ Class: _____

Student _____ in Grade: _____ Class: _____

I am an employee of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB): YES _____ NO _____

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include a brief biography of yourself in the space below or on an attached sheet (i.e. volunteer activities, interests,) and a brief indication of why you would like to join the School Council. Thank you!

Please return to the CWSA office by 4 p.m., Thursday, November 21, 2019.