

Information Session for Trustee Candidates

June 6, 2022
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Virtual

Agenda

1. Land Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory
 2. Welcome & Introductions
 3. Role – Trustee and Board
 4. Role – Director of Education
 5. What Makes for a Successful Board of Trustees?
 6. Trustee Honorarium – Workload & Responsibilities
 7. Resources for Candidates Interested in Running for SCDSB Trustee
 8. Filing Nomination Papers
 9. Question & Answer Session
 10. Wrap-up
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Role of the Trustee and Board

The powers and duties of school boards are set out in the *Education Act* (Part VI and VII). Other legislated acts and regulations also guide the policies and decisions of the corporate board.

[The Role of the Trustee](#)

[Corporate Board Role Description](#)

[Strategic Priorities 2017-2022](#)

Four Pillars: Excellence in Teaching and Learning; Well-being; Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; Community.

** The SCDSB Strategic Priorities are currently being revised. A stakeholder consultation was recently conducted to receive input into the development of the SCDSB Strategic Priorities for 2022-2027. The revised Strategic Priorities will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the June 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting for approval.*



Role of the Director of Education

- [The Role of the Director](#)
- [Operational Plan](#)
Outlines goals, actions and expected outcomes as we work to support our Strategic Priorities, and is updated throughout the school year.
- [Accommodation Plan](#)
Includes information on current and recommended projects, including proposed new schools, accommodation reviews and attendance area reviews.



What Makes for a Successful Board of Trustees?

- Know the time commitment
- Understand the role
 - Research what the job is and isn't
- Team member
 - Only the team (The Board of Trustees), not an individual trustee, has the authority to make decisions or take action on behalf of a school board.
- Understand what governance is



Honorarium for School Board Trustees – Workload & Responsibilities

- School board trustees are entitled to be paid an honorarium while in office. See [SCDSB Policy 2150 – Trustee Honorarium](#).
- What are the time commitments for a school board trustee?

Committee Involvement

- evening committee meetings
- preparing for Board meetings by reviewing all the material
- daytime meetings / special events / other duties

Meetings & Events



Resources for Candidates Interested in Running for SCDSB Trustee

[Making a Difference for Kids: Running for Election as a School Board Trustee](#) (This resource was developed by the Ontario Education Services Corporation)

[SCDSB Resource Sheet for Candidates Interested in Running for SCDSB Trustee](#)

Helpful Websites:

- Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) www.opsba.org
- Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC)
<http://www.ontarioschooltrustees.org/?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>
- Simcoe County District School Board www.scdsb.on.ca

I'm Interested in Running for School Board Trustee – What do I have to do?

- Meet the qualifications to be elected as a school board trustee:
 - a resident within the jurisdiction of the board;
 - a supporter of the board (“supporter” refers to the individual’s support for one of the four publicly funded school systems);
 - a Canadian citizen;
 - at least 18 years old;
 - not legally prohibited from voting; and
 - not disqualified by any legislation from holding a school board office.



I'm Interested in Running for School Board Trustee – What do I have to do?

- File nomination papers
 - Interested candidates must file nomination papers. Nomination papers may be filed in the office of the municipal clerk from May 2, 2022, until 2 p.m. on nomination day, Friday, August 19, 2022. Nomination papers must be filed with the lead municipality.

[See SCDSB Approved Trustee Distribution Areas with the Lead Municipality Noted](#)

For detailed information, refer to the 2022 Candidates' Guide for Ontario Municipal and School Board Elections

www.Ontario.ca/municipalelections

- Once nomination papers have been filed, candidates are welcome to submit their profiles to TrusteeCandidateInfo@oesc-cseo.org

Questions submitted by Trustee Candidates Q & A :

1. As these are elected positions, I assume that people actually campaign in their areas for votes?
 2. Are these strictly volunteer positions or do people receive some form of remuneration?
 3. How many hours a month do you estimate is required by an elected board member?
 4. Does the Catholic school board have a similar system of governance?
 5. Is there much turnover from one election to another? As I look at the current board, I know that some people have been a board trustee for a number of years/elections.
 6. Can a person run outside the district that they live in?
 7. If people campaign, what is the time frame they would normally look at. A month ahead of elections, longer? shorter?
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Additional Questions?



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