

# WILKINSON SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

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Every September, we elect the parent members of our School Community Council for the school year. In order to be a voting member of the Council, you must return this nomination form to the school by Friday, September 21, 2012. The new Council will be elected and introduced during Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 27, 2012.

I wish to declare my candidacy for a voting position as a parent/guardian representative on the 2012-2013 Wilkinson School Community Council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am an employee of the Toronto District School Board:

Yes  No

I am a parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a student who is currently registered at this school.

Please provide a brief "bio" for the election form, for example how many children you have at Wilkinson and what grades they're in, whether you're a new parent to Wilkinson, etc.

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For an overview of the role, responsibilities and composition of school council please refer to the Q&A on the reverse of this page [extract from Regulations 612/613/00 of the Education Act which governs school councils]. **Also check our website: <http://www.wilkinsonschoo.ca>**

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION Q & A

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### What is the Council's Purpose?

- The purpose of the council is through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and the accountability of the education system to parents.

### What is the Role of Councils?

- An advisory body, which makes recommendations to the principal of the school or the Board on any matter
- Consult with parents/guardians of students enrolled in the school about matters under consideration by the council
- Develop By-laws that govern election procedures, filling vacancies and a conflict resolution process
- Keep minutes of meetings and keep financial records for a period of four years
- Produce an annual written report of the council activities, including financial activities, to be submitted to the principal and the Board
- Focus on improved learning for all students
- Maintain a school-wide perspective on issues
- Represent and communicate the views of the school community

### What is the Membership of Councils?

- Elected parents, teachers, support staff, secondary school students (elementary where appropriate), appointed community representative(s), a representative from the Ontario Home and School Association, if such a group exists in the school and the principal/vice-principal

### What is the Responsibility of a Council Member?

- Attend and contribute regularly at all school council meetings
- Act as a link between the school council and the community
- Participate in information and training
- Fulfill their duties
- Follow the operating rules/guidelines as agreed upon by the council including the guidelines for resolving differences of opinion
- Encourage others within the school community to participate in the activities of the council
- Communicate with various communities in the school and work towards removing any barriers to the participation of all members of the school community

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