

North Park Secondary School

School Council 2020-21

First Virtual meeting & Election- Thursday October 29th, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Membership of a School Council

School Council positions are one-year terms – which means members are recruited and elected annually, typically within the first 30 days of the school year. Ideally, the membership of the School Council will reflect the diversity of its school community.



Each School Council should include:

Elementary/middle school (minimum of 9 members)

- 5 parent reps (minimum)
- 1 teacher rep
- 1 non-teaching staff rep
- 1 or more community rep(s)
- 1 student rep (optional)
- Principal (VP may attend in principal's place)

Secondary school (minimum of 11 members)

- 6 parent reps (minimum)
- 1 teacher rep
- 1 non-teaching staff rep
- 1 or more community rep(s)
- 1 student rep
- Principal (or VP designate)

It's recommended that councils develop a [bylaw](#) pertaining to membership and the maximum number of parent reps. If your council isn't able to find members to meet these required minimums, it's important that the principal and chair continue to seek members throughout the year to fill these vacancies.

Parent representatives

Parents/guardians must always make up the majority of a School Council. While other family members are welcome to attend meetings, only parents/guardians of a student at the school can be a parent rep. Employees at the school cannot serve as parent reps.

Parent reps are voting members who:

- contribute to the discussions of the School Council
- solicit the views of other parents and community members to share with the council
- observe the council's code of ethics and established bylaws
- encourage parents/guardians and community members to participate in events and programs
- may serve in [executive positions](#) (chair, secretary, treasurer).

Important note: Employees at the school cannot serve as a parent representative, but may serve as a teaching or support staff rep. School board employees outside the school may be a parent rep, but cannot serve as council chair.

Self-nomination forms for Parent/Guardian Representatives:

Schools are required to communicate to all families with information about [School Councils](#), the election process as well as self-nomination forms for parents/guardians who are interested in being a Parent Representative.

Parents/Guardians of students who attend **North Park Secondary School** are invited to join the School Council as Parent Representatives.

Nomination Form in [PDF format](#); Nomination Form in [MS Word format](#)

Complete the Nomination form and submit to northprkss.council@peelsb.com by October 16th, 2020.

Virtual election process and online voting form

One week before the election, information about parent candidates, including their brief biographies from their self-nomination form, will be made available to the parent community through our school's usual communication channels (website/ School Messenger). The first Virtual school council meeting and election will be held on **Thursday October 29th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** on Microsoft TEAMS (more information on how to attend will be sent closer to the date).

For more information about School Council membership, click on this link.

<http://www.peelschools.org/parents/schoolcouncils/membership/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, please feel free to send them to the NPSS school council email northprkss.council@peelsb.com

Sherry Dalcin

Principal, North Park Secondary School