

# Claude Watson School for the Arts

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Victor Tran – Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

At the TDSB, School Councils are an excellent way for parents to get involved in their child's education. Every TDSB School has an elected School Council. Your School Council is an important forum for involving all members of the school community in matters that affect the education of students. The School Council is made up of an elected committee of parents, staff and student representatives, appointed community members, the Principal, and a general membership which includes all parents of children attending the school. The School Council advises the Principal and the TDSB on a variety of issues and activities relating to student achievement, curriculum goals and priorities, school budget priorities, school safety, renovation plans etc.

CWSA parents and guardians who wish to participate on a regular basis are encouraged to **fill out and return the attached Executive Nomination Form to the school office by Wednesday October 7, 2020 at 3:45pm**. The CWSA School Council Executive consists of the Principal, staff representatives, community representatives, Chairs/Co-Chairs/Vice-Chairs, Secretary, and Treasurer. Parents/Guardians who would like to contribute outside the executive team are also welcome to contribute as Grade Reps, and Special Project Coordinators such as the Family Directory, Volunteer Coordinator, Speaker Series, Pizza Lunches, Fundraising, Grade 8 Graduation Committee, Staff Appreciation, Welcome BBQ Coordinator and more.

*This year's Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on Monday, October 19, at 7:00pm.* We will send out the link to parents who have expressed interest in attending the meeting. All CWSA parents and guardians are invited and encouraged to attend the AGM to select the 2020/2021 School Council Executive. We will also discuss School Council meeting dates this year.

After the nomination closing date, the decision of whether an election is necessary will be made based on the number of nominations submitted. An election is called only if more candidates are nominated than are required on the Council.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact myself ([victor.tran@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:victor.tran@tdsb.on.ca)) or our School Co-Council Executives.

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Regards,

V. Tran  
Principal



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

Council shall consist of

- 3.1 **Eleven** parents/guardians of students in the school who are elected to the Council as voting members.
- 3.2 The Principal or his/her designate.
- 3.3 One teacher employed in the school, to be elected or nominated by the teaching staff of the school.

Bylaws section **6. Executive Members**

6.1 The following executive positions shall be elected at the first meeting of the school council from among the elected parent /guardian members:

- (i) A Chair, or two Co-Chairs, or a Chair and a Vice Chair as determined by the Council
- (ii) One or two secretaries
- (iii) One or two treasurers
- (iv) One Ward Liaison
- (v) One to two grade representatives for each grade

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the CWSA School Council for the 2020/2021 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 indication of why you would like to join the School Council, the role you are interested in and a brief biography of yourself in the space below or on an attached sheet (i.e. volunteer activities, interests, Occupation, hobbies, etc.) Thank you!

Please return to the CWSA office by Wednesday, October 7, 2020. (Email: [victor.tran@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:victor.tran@tdsb.on.ca))