

We are pleased to announce that our first School Council meeting of the 2020-2021 school year will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. The meeting will be held online at 7 p.m. via Google Meet. We will hold the election of school council executive members at the meeting.

Due to the establishment of the Ottawa-Carleton Virtual School (OCV), procedures for school council elections, constitutions and by-laws have been revised. The key changes mean that parents of students enrolled in the OCV may do the following:

- Seek election to the school council of the virtual school;
- Be a non-voting member of their child's home school council;
- Seek election to the school council of the home school if there are insufficient numbers of parents of in-person students who have put their names forward for election;
- Be eligible for appointment to any position on the executive if they have been elected to the home school council.

In addition, the procedure provides the following changes:

- All elections to school council shall be held electronically, following the process outlined in the procedure, with necessary modifications to allow for and support electronic voting;
- Meetings shall be held using Google Meet;
- For most school councils, all parents/guardians in the school are considered non-voting members of the council. OCV parents/guardians will be considered like all other parents/guardians in this regard.

Here is a list of resources to support the virtual school council meetings and the election process. (We recommend you "open the links in a new window.")

- [OCDSB Procedure PR.509.SCO School Council Elections, Constitution and By-Laws](#)
- [Nomination](#) and [Self-Nomination](#) forms for parent/guardian candidates to be nominated (or self-nominate) to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier school council. Please use the appropriate form to submit a nomination. Sign, scan and send the completed form with a brief summary of the nominee's experience and interest in the office to the Principal at [nancy.girozan@ocdsb.ca](mailto:nancy.girozan@ocdsb.ca). Nominations will be accepted from today, Tuesday, October 13th until Friday, October 23rd at 3 p.m.

If you wish to attend the meeting please reply to the Principal at [nancy.girozan@ocdsb.ca](mailto:nancy.girozan@ocdsb.ca) and she will respond with an invitation to the Google Meet. Here is [A Guide to Google Meet for School Councils](#).