



REGULATIONS

SUBJECT: STUDENT SENATE

Role of the Student Senate

1. Student Senate should play a proactive role in improving the educational experience for Lambton Kent District School Board students. The group has the opportunity to produce proposals and initiatives to be undertaken across the district, which will be presented to the Board by Student Trustees.
2. The Student Senate has the right to make recommendations to the attention of the Board, through the Student Trustees, concerning matters discussed by the Student Senate with a quorum of representatives from at least fifty percent (50%) of the schools being present and voting.
3. Student Senate Subcommittees consisting of Student Senate members, Student Trustees, the Trustee Mentors, the Administration Liaison, and/ or other students may be established to work on specific initiatives and issues. A chair for each subcommittee will be established and Student Trustees are responsible for reporting information and progress from these committees to the Student Senate.
4. In February of each year, the Student Senate will elect Student Trustees to serve on the Board for the following year.

Role of Student Senators

5. Student Senators shall be charged with the responsibility of bringing student concerns from their schools, including Student Councils, for discussion and shall be responsible to report deliberations of the Student Senate back to the students in their schools.
6. The Student Trustees will Co-Chair the Student Senate with a member of Student Senate and will assist the Trustee Mentors with the responsibility of forwarding student concerns and comments identified during these meetings to the Board.
7. The Trustee Mentors and the Student Trustees shall be charged with the responsibility of forwarding recommendations of the Student Senate to the Board for their consideration and shall be responsible to report back to the Senate the results of the Board's deliberations.
8. Student Senate members will be eligible to receive credit toward the Community Involvement Activity requirement of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Student Senate Members

9. Two Trustees will be appointed annually to serve as Mentors on Student Senate.
10. The Student Trustees will serve on the Student Senate as Co-Chairs.
11. Prior to the end of June, each secondary school will select two student representatives to serve on the Student Senate for the following school year. When possible, one or both the representatives will serve a two-year term.
12. Two First Nation Student Representatives will be invited to serve on the Student Senate. They will be selected by the First Nation Communities.
13. The Director of Education or designate will act as liaison to the Student Senate.
14. For matters requiring a vote at the Student Senate, voting privileges are not extended to the Student Trustees, the Trustee Mentors or the Director of Education or designate.

Meeting Frequency

15. The Student Senate will meet a minimum of four times per year.
16. The first meeting will be held in October with the dates, times, and format (in-person, virtual, or both), of the remaining meetings to be determined by the Senate.
17. Student Senate decisions are made through consensus. When necessary, a majority vote may be used.
18. Each year there will be an election of a Student Senate Co-Chair and Student Recorder. The election will occur at the first meeting of the Student Senate in October.
19. Meeting agendas will be determined by the Student Senate Co-Chair, Student Trustees, Administration and Trustee Mentors and will focus on matters that concern the students on a system level. Students may focus on problems that cannot be resolved in their schools or on Board issues that require student input and initiatives within and between schools.

Kilometrage for Attending Student Senate Meetings

20. The cost of traveling to Student Senate Meetings will be paid in accordance with the LKDSB Regulations *Expense Reimbursement for Staff, Trustees and Student Trustees*.

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