

# TVDSB 2023-2024 Student Trustee Elections

Hey GAELS! Please read the email below to find out more about the Student Trustee Positions in Thames Valley and see if you're interested in running in the election.

## There are two Positions

- Indigenous Student Trustee: students who self identify as indigenous
- Student Trustee: students who represent city or county schools

## Eligibility

- Must be a full-time student in grade 11 or 12 next year

## Responsibilities of the Student Trustee

- Regularly attend the full duration of all Board meetings, Committee of the Whole meetings, and Advisory Committee meetings typically scheduled most Tuesday evenings.
- Be knowledgeable about, and comply with Board Bylaws, Policies, Procedures, and the Trustee Code of Conduct, including all of its accompanying Guidelines.
- Shall keep confidential any information disclosed or discussed at a meeting of the Board or part of a meeting of the Board that was closed to the public or should otherwise be kept confidential, unless required to divulge such information by law or authorized by the Board to do so.
- Serve as a Student Trustee representative as directed by the Chair of the Board.
- Serve and consult Thames Valley students and keep student governments, school clubs, and student leaders informed about Board issues of interest and concern to students.
- The obligation to declare a conflict of interest in matters that have a direct pecuniary interest to the student or members of the student's immediate family (e.g. father, mother, sister, brother) and to comply with the Ministry of Education Student Trustees: Attendance and Conflict of Interest Guidelines.
- Hold and attend a minimum of five Student Advisory Council (SAC) meetings per school year.
- Bring to the attention of the Board any concerns that may affect Thames Valley District School Board students (TVDSB).
- Serve as an advocate for student voice by actively participating in and contributing to the decisions of the Board and sharing student input relevant to the decisions being made by the Board.
- Stay informed about developments in education and demonstrate an awareness of issues facing publicly funded education.
- Provide leadership which promotes the creation of clear, and consistent expectations and goals for the Student Advisory Council that focus on student achievement and well-being.
- Be responsible for communicating and forwarding all recommendations made by the Student Advisory Council to the Board.
- Serve as a mentor to incoming Student Trustees.

## Current Student Trustees

- Student Trustee, Ayesha Hassan, is a grade 12 student at Westminster Secondary School. If you would like to contact her, you can email [ayesha.hassan@tvdsb.ca](mailto:ayesha.hassan@tvdsb.ca).
- Student Trustee, Savrup Saran, is a grade 11 student in the French Immersion program at Woodstock Collegiate Institute. If you would like to contact her, you can email, [savrup.saran@tvdsb.ca](mailto:savrup.saran@tvdsb.ca).
- Indigenous Student Trustee, Lyzee Ninham, is a grade 11 student at Sir Wilfred Laurier Secondary School. If you would like to contact her, you can email [lyzee.ninham@tvdsb.ca](mailto:lyzee.ninham@tvdsb.ca).

## The Election

- On Wednesday, February 15th, 2023, the Thames Valley District School Board will be holding an Election to elect a self-identifying Indigenous Student Trustee. The election will take place from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Education Centre for the 2023-2024 term (2022 August 1 to 2023 July 31).
- On Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Thames Valley District School Board will be holding the Student Trustees' Debate & Election for the 2023-2024 term (2023 August 1 to 2024 July 31) from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Education Centre to elect two Student Trustees representing both the county and the city schools in Thames Valley.

## Are you Interested?

- If you are interested in the role, please complete the attached application and email it to Tom Maloney at [t.maloney@tvdsb.ca](mailto:t.maloney@tvdsb.ca)