

DPAC Election Process

Requirements for electability:

- The executive will include the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to 3 other executive members as the general membership decides. These members may include positions such as District Associate, Technology Director, or other directors at large.
- The positions on the Executive shall be elected from the DPAC Representatives or current executive officers of the Council, either in attendance or but their permission.
- No employee or elected official of the School District or Ministry of Education shall hold an executive position.
- An individual must be a parent or guardian of a child, who is registered either in StrongStart or in grades K-11 in the School District.
- The executive will be elected at each annual general meeting, and will hold office from the end of this AGM to the end of the next AGM.
- No person may hold the same executive position for more than four consecutive years. No person may be on the executive for more than eight consecutive years.
- We will have a report from our nominating committee, and we also allow for nominations from the floor. You do not need a seconder, and you do not require someone else to nominate you – you may simply volunteer.
- Each member PAC has one vote that they may cast by way of their DPAC rep. Elections require a majority vote, and must be conducted by secret ballot if required.

Process:

Before we conduct our elections, do we have any volunteers to act as Tellers, to count any ballots? We request that these volunteers not be planning to run for the Executive.... Does anyone object to having _____ as tellers?

Our positions for the Executive were Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to three directors. We may vote for other positions, such as District Associate, as the general membership decides. We will review that when we come to the director positions.

We will elect each position in turn.

For _____ POSITION are there nominations from the floor?" (Give a few moments for response.) "Seeing none, the nominations for _____ POSITION are closed."

Single nominee for office:

As there is only one nominee for this office, the chair hereby declares _____ is elected by acclamation and directs the secretary to so record in the minutes.

Multiple nominees for office:

The Chair will ask each nominee to make a short introduction.

The tellers will hand out the ballots. Members must write the name of the candidate they want for a particular office. Are there any questions concerning how to mark your ballot? *[Give members a few minutes to mark their ballots.]*

Will the tellers collect the ballots? *[Before the tellers leave the room, ask]* Has everyone voted who wishes to vote? *[Look around to see if anyone is calling for a teller.]*

The polls are closed, and the tellers will count the ballots. We will take a short recess while the ballots are being counted. This meeting stands in recess. *[one rap of the gavel]*

[When the tellers come in, call the meeting to order and announce the result of the vote. If any offices do not get a majority vote, you have to re-ballot for that office or offices.]

The meeting will come to order. *[one rap of the gavel]* May we have the report of the tellers' committee? *[Sit down while the tellers' committee gives the report. Then read it and announce the vote. Declare the winners; if no winners, take another vote.]*