

Election

Requirements for electability – from bylaws:

- The Executive shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to three (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 in attendance at the Annual General Meeting.
- A DPAC Representative or current executive officer, nominated for election but unable to attend the AGM, shall be accepted as a candidate if the AGM is presented with a written letter of acceptance from the candidate.
- To be eligible for election or appointment to the Executive 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.
- No employee or elected official of the School District or Ministry of Education shall hold an executive position on the Council.
- A nominating committee of one or more DPAC Representatives and/or current executive officers shall be elected at or before the general meeting two months prior to the Annual General Meeting. The current Chairperson is ineligible to serve on the nominating committee.
- Members of the nominating committee are eligible for election as an executive officer.
- The nominating committee shall make their report to the general meeting at the meeting before the Annual General Meeting.
- Before the election takes place, the Chairperson must call for further nominations from the floor.
- The term of office of the Executive shall commence at the end of the Annual General Meeting, and terminate at the end of the following Annual General Meeting.
- A person may only hold a particular position on the Executive for a maximum of 4 consecutive years.
- A person may only serve on the Executive for a maximum of 8 consecutive years.
- An Executive officer who has served more than half a term in an office is considered to have served a full term.

Before we conduct our elections, do we have any volunteers to act as Tellers, to count any ballots that may be required? We request that these volunteers not be planning to run for the Executive. (wait for volunteers) Does anyone object to having _____ as tellers? Hearing no objections, ___ will serve as tellers.

We now conduct our elections for the Executive, consisting of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to three (3) other executive members as the general membership decides.

We will elect each position in turn. You do not need to have someone else nominate you – you can nominate yourself – it’s called volunteering. We encourage volunteers. A nomination does not require a seconder. If more than one person runs for a position, we will have a ballot; if not we will declare them elected by acclamation. If we have a ballot, write-in votes are acceptable.

Nominations are now in order for the position of _____. Are you eligible to serve? Are you willing to serve if elected? Are there further 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.]*

Does anyone wish to put forward a motion to name specific positions for the up to 3 other members, such as District Associate or Technology Director, or shall we elect up to 3 people for these at-large positions?

Hearing no objection, we will now ask for nominees for the at-large positions.

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