

Student Senate Newsletter

The [Student Senate](#) represents students' views to the OCDSB, meeting once per month to discuss key issues.

February 1st Meeting Recap

1. Student Trustee Elections
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3. Co-Presidents' Council Wellness Project
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Student Trustee Elections

Important Dates:

- All schools held elections for their own nominee by **February 14**
- Senators and Co-Presidents will vote in a board-wide election on **February 27**

Each year, the OCDSB elects two Student Trustees to represent the board's nearly 75,000 students. They have many responsibilities, including attending meetings at the Board table and across the province. Each school can elect one nominee. Out of the school nominees, two are elected by Student Senators and Co-Presidents to be the next school year's Student Trustees!

Identity-Based Data Collection

A board-wide student survey similar to the 2019 Valuing Voices Survey will take place in spring of 2024. The survey aims to work towards eliminating systemic barriers in the education system and increasing its capacity to serve a diverse student population. The Senate discussed and provided recommendations regarding how to increase participation of students as well as parents who respond on behalf of their children in Grade 6 and below.

Co-Pres Council Wellness Project

The Co-Presidents' Council is leading a Wellness and Mental Health Awareness project in collaboration with the Student Senate and various student groups with the goal to improve students' well-being and learning. Plans for this project include in-school wellness events and a mental health awareness presentation featuring professionals and students.



Student Trustees' Updates

- [Sanctioning of Zone 9 Trustee](#)
- [2024-25 OCDSB Budget Finalization](#)
- [Indigenous Student Trustee](#)