



November 1, 2022

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WRAPSC Meeting



# Territorial Acknowledgment

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<https://youtu.be/Quiq-ah7x04>

# Review Agenda

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Coalition of Muslim Women KW

Volunteer Waterloo Region

Best Practices-Grants

By-laws

PIC Update

Answers to previous meeting questions and open for new questions

# Coalition of Muslim Women KW

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Presenters Mifrah and Maryam

<https://cmw-kw.org/>

# Volunteer Waterloo Region

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Presenter Dianne Boston-Nyp

Since 1984, Volunteer Waterloo Region has provided connections and leadership to support the development of individuals and organizations through volunteerism. Volunteer Waterloo Region, provides a central hub for accessing current volunteer opportunities suitable for citizens of all ages. Our centre serves over 160 charities and not-for-profit organizations that represent arts and culture, health, social services, education, the environment, and more.

Visit [www.volunteerwr.ca](http://www.volunteerwr.ca)

# Best Practice

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Grants

# By-Laws

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- The purpose of school councils is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.
- A school council for a school shall be composed of the following people:  
The number of parent members is determined under subsection (2)  
The principal of the school. One teacher who is employed at the school, other than the principal or vice-principal, elected in accordance with section 5. One person who is employed at the school, other than the principal, vice-principal or any other teacher, elected in accordance with section 5.
- Councils should have one pupil representative
- A person is qualified to vote in an election of parent members of a school council if he or she is a parent of a pupil who is enrolled in the school
- An election of parent members of a school council shall be held during the first 30 days of each school year, on a date that is fixed by the chair or co-chairs of the school council after consulting with the principal of the school.

# By-Laws Continued

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- The principal of a school shall, at least 14 days before the date of the election of parent members, on behalf of the school council, give written notice of the date and time of and the location or means to access the election to every parent of a pupil who, on the date the notice is given, is enrolled in the school.
- A vacancy in the membership of a school council does not prevent the council from exercising its authority.
- A school council shall have a chair or, if the by-laws of the council so provide, two co-chairs. A chair or co-chair of a school council must be a parent member of the council, and shall be elected by the members of the council.
- A person who is employed by the board that established the council cannot be the chair or co-chair of the council.
- As part of its accountability to parents, the Ministry shall report annually to members of school councils on education in the province.
- A school council shall meet at least four times during the school year.
- A school council shall meet within the first 35 days of the school year, after the elections held under sections 4 and 5, on a date fixed by the principal of the school.



# By-laws Continued

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- All meetings of a school council shall be open to the public. A school council is entitled to hold its meetings at the school.
- The principal of a school shall, on behalf of the school council, give written notice of the date and time of and the location or means to access each meeting of the council to every parent of a pupil who, on the date the notice is given, is enrolled in the school.
- A school council may make by-laws governing the conduct of its affairs. Every school council shall make the following by-laws:
  - A by-law that governs election procedures and the filling of vacancies in the membership of the school council.
  - A by-law that establishes rules respecting participation in school council proceedings in cases of conflict of interest.
  - A by-law that, in accordance with any applicable policies established by the board that established the council, establishes a conflict resolution process for internal school council disputes.
- A school council may make recommendations to the principal of the school or to the board that established the council on any matter.

# By-Laws Continued

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- A school council may engage in fundraising activities
- A school council shall not engage in fundraising activities unless, the activities are conducted in accordance with any applicable policies established by the board; and he activities are to raise funds for a purpose approved by the board or authorized by any applicable policies established by the board.
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- <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/000612#BK10>

# PIC/WRAPSC Bridging Update

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- After each meeting I will send Superintendent Della Lataille-Herdsman the questions that come from our meeting
- Della will answer what she can either via email or a face to face meeting with the WRAPSC Chair. Questions that we feel should be elevated will be brought to a PIC meeting to either be discussed with the appropriate Board Member or PIC
- PIC only holds 4 meetings in a year, I will push forward the more time sensitive matters
- PIC is starting to fill their membership this week and elect Chairs on Nov. 8
- Question from last meeting what is PIC? This will be answered at the Nov. 8th meeting

# Answers

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## Answers to last months questions:

- Playground equity, some schools have them some don't. Can councils still fundraise for playgrounds?
  - It is the policy of the Waterloo Region District School Board to support and encourage fundraising activities that enrich the experience of our students and help build a broader sense of community outside of the school experience.
  - In determining fundraising activities, consideration must be given to the purposes and principles of public education including diversity, accessibility, equity and inclusivity.
  - Supplies, equipment or services which complement or enhance items funded by
  - provincial grants
  - 5.3.3 Field trips or other excursions
  - 5.3.4 Guest speakers or presentations
  - 5.3.5 Ceremonies, awards, plaques, trophies or prizes for students
  - 5.3.6 Scholarships or bursaries
  - 5.3.7 Extracurricular activities and events
  - 5.3.8 School yard improvement projects
  - 5.3.9 Upgrades to sporting facilities
  - 5.3.10 Support for activities that are unique to the cultural character of the school

A copy of the PDF that was supplied to us with this information will be attached to the minutes

# Answers Continued

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- Are schools bringing back pizza day? Pizza days are back in schools, School-Day seems to be up and running again to support this. Schools have started to make sure Hala options are part of the order sheet.
- Can council members speak about what is said at meetings? How can a council member combat Admin if that's not what they want? School Council meeting minutes should be made available for all to see. I would recommend looking at your school website and setting up the school council link. Lots of schools are using this platform well but not all.
- Does Ministry have rules for when council agendas need to be sent out? Doesn't look like an exact date but in our by-law slide there are notices Admin needs to inform everyone at the school about a meeting, time and place.
- What support is being given for kids to get "Back on Track"? How are we evaluating this program?  
Answer [https://efis.fma.csc.gov.on.ca/faab/Memos/B2022/B05\\_EN.pdf](https://efis.fma.csc.gov.on.ca/faab/Memos/B2022/B05_EN.pdf)

# Questions

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# In Closing

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Our next meeting will be January 10th 2023. The meeting will be offered in person and virtually.

## Highlights for January

- Speaker from The Healing of the Seven Generations
- Best Practices Topics and speakers for school council meetings