



Creating a Culture...

of Innovation, Caring and Social Responsibility.



REGISTER TO BECOME A DELEGATE

Fostering a Culture of Caring

(Reference: [Ottawa-Carleton District School Board By-Laws and Standing Rules](#))

Individuals or groups are welcome to appear as a delegation to express their concerns, provide comments or ask questions on any matter within the mandate of the Board or Committee. In accordance with the Board's bylaws, delegations shall be permitted up to four (4) minutes to address the Board where the delegation has provided a written submission no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the meeting. Delegations registering after the cutoff shall be granted two (2) minutes. All interested delegates must complete and submit the following form.

Once you have submitted your request, a member of the Board Services team will be in touch with you to confirm the delegation and provide the necessary meeting details and instructions.

If you have any questions regarding the delegation process please contact Nicole Guthrie, Manager of Board Services at nicole.guthrie@ocdsb.ca

Also, please note that the Board and Committee of the Whole meetings are video and audio recorded.

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Delegation issue information

Fields marked with an * are required

Meeting Type: *

Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: *

8/24/2021

Please provide a brief summary of main points for the issue/concern: *

I want to speak from the perspective of a parent to two children < 12y.

- I am deeply concerned about indoor unmasked activities during school hours, and especially at meal times. I would like the board to recommend outdoor lunches and staggered lunches so that children can have fewer unmasked times with large groups indoors. For example, classes could have half the children eating indoors while the other half does quiet work, and then reverse 15 minutes later. That would reduce 50% of the exposure to other children's unmasked breathing. Eating outdoors could be accommodated if there were community volunteers to help supervise and/or pick up trash. Kids eat outdoors with their families and during school field trips, so it is possible for most children.

- I would like the Board to petition the city to commit to funding thorough contact tracing for all families who attend school. It was terribly disheartening when contact tracing was slow and then abandoned last year - and it could make a huge difference in spread.

- I would like the Board to require mandatory covid-19 vaccination of all eligible students and adults who enter the school, even if the province hasn't mandated it. Staff should not be able to abstain without a legitimate medical note, or face suspension. Related to this, I would like to hear an update on how and when the vaccine education sessions will take place, per the Premier's announcement about them.

- I would like the Board to start planning now on how they can welcome an influx of new students opting in to the in-person teaching stream, once children < 12y are permitted to be vaccinated. This is a predictable event that will occur probably 1 month after vaccination is allowed for that cohort. For many children, in-person education is academically and socially superior, and without the severe safety concerns about covid-19, many children will be better served to move into regular classrooms. OCV will remain but less used.

Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue: *

- Fund additional lunch monitors to facilitate making lunches safer, and allow community volunteers to assist as well (if they pass ordinary volunteer criteria + PPE + have vaccinations)

- speak up to the city so that they know that the school boards depend on quality contact tracing. Ask them to budget and train appropriately.

- ask the city to provide frequent pop-up random testing using BON tests so that we can find asymptomatic students and staff faster.

- tell the province that OCDSB wants truly mandatory vaccination for all students and staff, and make sure to mention that it is an equity issue that allows vulnerable students to attend and helps and families with vulnerable adults attend school.

- Remove any bans on changing between the virtual to the in-person streams. For equity and accessibility reasons, families need to be able to choose. It should not be easier for a child to join OCDSB when moving to the city or when changing boards, than it is for OCDSB kids to change streams. You need to plan now for the predictable influx of vaccinated children that will want to go to in-person school, and you need to accept the decisions of families who now want to change streams due to Delta.

Date: *

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