



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.

Contact Information

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Delegation issue information

Fields marked with an * are required

Meeting Type: *

Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: *

10/5/2021

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

I listened carefully to last month's meeting and felt it was important to speak up on some of the points that were made as well as to throw my support behind the Board and Director's commitment to continued dialogue and evidence-based decision making that are critical to ensuring all of our kids have a safe and productive learning year. I understand there has been a decision to return to extra-curricular activities without proof of vaccination. I feel this is a very risky decision as these are the highest risk activities, are non-mandatory in nature and require the utmost care in protocols.

I am a public health nurse with a son in grade 9 at South Carleton. I feel that I can share some valuable information with the board as well as the parent community and hopefully debunk some of the myths that were given an unfortunate platform last month. Delta variant is a formidable foe and we are in for another rough winter with potential for school closures which we should avoid at all costs. The unvaccinated should not dominate the conversation nor should they determine the course of action for a majority of students who have rolled up their sleeves and have done the responsible thing. Nurses are exhausted, healthcare systems are overrun and this simply cannot continue.

I would like to speak about my first hand experience fighting COVID and what it means to my family to keep my son in school in in-person learning.

Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue: *

I recommend that vaccination status for COVID be treated the same as it is for measles, mumps, rubella and be made mandatory. I also would like to see outbreaks treated the same as they are for unvaccinated students of the above (who are not vaccinated for religious reasons) where the unvaccinated during an outbreak are treated as the vulnerable and potential for widespread transmission and, as per public health protocols, are the children who would be moved to at-home learning until the outbreak is over. Closing schools and penalizing the vaccinated students is not reasonable.

Finally, I would like to see mandatory vaccination for eligible age groups for all extra-curricular sports. While they are important for growth and development, so is COVID prevention. This is not a mandatory activity, like learning and education, so should not be extended to all students unless they are fully vaccinated.

Date: *

10/4/2021

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