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Applicant Interest	
<p>I feel the most important role of a trustee is acting as a “shareholder representative” for the community making certain that the long-term path of the OCDSB stays true to the needs of its students, parents, and teachers.</p> <p>While I don’t live in Zone 10, I feel that I can serve as their representative as I’m sure we share many of the same universal values as a parent – wanting to provide the best educational experience possible for our kids. It’s true that being a new trustee and living outside of Zone 10 would mean a steeper learning curve than most. However, my enthusiasm, energy and relevant professional/volunteer experiences will guide me to overcome this.</p> <p>It would be my priority in the first few months to meet with as many parent councils as possible and visit all of the schools. I expect that working downtown, in close proximity to many of the schools, will make this easier. Despite the challenges, I’m willing to dedicate my time and energy to be the best representative possible for parents in this community. Below, I’ve outlined three aspects about myself that support me as an excellent candidate for trustee.</p> <p>School council treasurer since 2014</p> <p>I joined the parent council as Treasurer in 2014 to become more involved in the school community and to help shape the activities and priorities of the school for my two children. Every year I’ve renewed my commitment to the role because of the enriching experiences I’ve had including meeting other parents, sharing ideas and supporting some wonderful initiatives for the school community. Our council has contributed to many excellent enhancements to the school including new multimedia technology, organizing community outreach activities for parents, and supporting new playground installations. We’ve built a positive relationship with school administration, contributing our ideas to addressing common school issues such as accommodations, inequality, mental health, and parent involvement.</p> <p>Resulting from my work with the parent council, I’m already familiar with many of OCDSB’s key policies and procedures as well as parent council processes and activities. These experiences would help to ease my transition into a trustee role and help me foster better relationships with parents in Zone 10.</p> <p>Coaching students on Carleton’s national case competition team</p> <p>Over the past two years, I have volunteered as a coach for Carleton’s case study competition team organized annually by the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration (CAPPA). The team competes against other public administration schools across the country researching, analyzing and presenting their solutions on a</p>	

complex public policy question to a panel of senior executives. I have enjoyed the opportunity of mentoring graduate students through the process and encouraging them to further develop their analytical, presentation and collaborative skills.

I volunteer my time with the team as a way to contribute to my alma mater and to share my experiences with students. I want to bring my commitment to volunteerism and community involvement to the board of trustees.

Education and Public sector work experience

I am a certified professional accountant (CPA) and have both a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Master of Public Policy and Administration from Carleton University.

I have been a public service employee for almost 15 years, primarily in the area of financial oversight. Throughout most of my career, I have been responsible for providing senior executives with financial advice and guidance on their operations and providing strategic advice on their long-term business plans. I have developed, implemented and monitored policy in a department and I've enjoyed collaborating with others, leading teams and working in a team to solve issues. In my current role, I'm a financial advisor responsible for determining the financial health of Crown Corporations through their five-year business plan.

Responsible stewardship of resources is a key role of a trustee and I feel that if selected, I could bring to bear my education, professional experiences, and abilities and would be an asset to the team in reviewing budget proposals, reviewing policy recommendations and participating on board committees (e.g. audit, planning, evaluation, etc.). Being a public service employee also gives me an appreciation of how a large public organization like the OCDSB, with accountability to a variety of stakeholders, operates and that change cannot be accomplished overnight – rather through incremental, collaborative processes.

In conclusion, I believe that I would be the ideal candidate for Zone trustee based on my commitment as a volunteer and professional experience. I've put myself forward as a candidate because I feel I have the right experience and abilities to serve as an excellent representative on the school board and for the parents and students of Zone 10. Public education is important to me as a parent and a member of my school council and I see this position as an occasion where I can contribute my ideas and energies towards a better community.