

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Become a Student Trustee



Student Trustee Candidate Information

The Student Trustee Candidate Information sheet aims to provide students with an overview of the role and responsibilities of a Student Trustee at the Kenora Catholic District School Board (KCDSB).

Term of Office

The Student Trustees' term of office is staggered so every year one new Student Trustee will be elected for a two-year term. Student Trustees can have a term of office of up to two school years depending on what grade they are in, when they are elected.

How are Student Trustees Chosen?

St. Thomas Aquinas High School will hold elections for the position of Student Trustee, and Indigenous Student Trustee and students will have an opportunity to vote.

The Indigenous Student Trustee will be elected by Grade 10, 11 and 12 Indigenous students, from among students who self-identify as Indigenous.

Key Dates



Nominations open on April 6



Nominations close on April 13



Election Day is April 17



How many positions are available?

The KCDSB has up to three Student Trustee positions available, with one being an Indigenous Student Trustee. There is a senior Student Trustee who acts as the mentor for the incoming Student Trustees. For the 2023 - 2024 School Year, Joshua Pitt will hold the role of mentor.

What are the qualifications for a Student Trustee

A Student Trustee shall have the following qualifications:

- be a Canadian citizen
- be a student of the KCDSB
- be enrolled full-time at St. Thomas Aquinas High School
- be a senior in Grade 11 or 12, at the time of their term as a Student Trustee

Do Student Trustees get paid?

Yes. A Student Trustee is paid an annual honorarium for each complete year that they hold office.

What are the responsibilities of a Student Trustee?

Student Trustees serve a vital role at the boardroom table, representing students in decisions about education and keeping their peers updated and informed.

Student Trustees attend all regularly scheduled public Board meetings. Board Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month from September through to June.

They are responsible for preparing and presenting a brief 5 - 10 minute monthly report, in a professional manner, at the Regular Board Meetings. Student Trustees work as a team to collect information from various people about what is happening at the high school. They must be able to meet deadlines and provide a draft of their presentation to their principal in advance of the meeting, and before submitting the final report to the Director of Education.

The Student Trustee report focuses on key areas of Catholicity, academics, athletics, arts, First Nation, Métis and Inuit initiatives, humanitarian activities and special events and provides a look forward to what's happening next month.

Student Trustees also attend provincial conferences and are called upon to participate in special projects for the Board. They represent the voice of students at St. Thomas Aquinas High School and are ambassadors that reflect the values of the Catholic school system.

Still have questions?

If you still have questions and want to learn more, talk to your current Student Trustees, Zhaawan Kavanaugh, Elizabeth Favreau and Joshua Pitt. You can also talk to your Principal or Vice Principals.

