

Ward 8 Representatives for Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) and French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC)

Biographies received from candidates with nominations in advance of Ward Forum, January 22, 2019

PIAC - Nominated Candidates for Representative (in alphabetical order)

Kaydeen Bankasingh has been a resident of Eglinton-Lawrence for over 10 years where she resides with her two children. Her daughter is a recent graduate and Ontario scholar of John Polanyi Collegiate Institute, her son currently in grade 2 at Baycrest Public School. Kaydeen has been committed to and active in the school environment of both her children, co-chairing the Baycrest parent council between 2008-2011, managing multiple school and community wide PRO grants during this time. She has worked closely with the Model Schools initiative, Community Support Workers to bring requested resources, initiatives and opportunities to local area schools and has committed to supporting parents and families to build their capacity to be informed and confident advocates for their children and communities. Kaydeen is happy to continue to work collaboratively with parents and schools to inform the future of the TDSB and parent involvement therein.

Jess Hungate has two children, one in Ward 8 at North Toronto, and one in Ward 5 in the MaCS program at Mackenzie. He has been the PIAC Representative for the old Ward 8 for the last four years, is currently the Chair of the North Toronto School Council, and served on John Ross Robertson's council for many years. Jess is a retired lawyer and has a Masters Degree in Public Affairs. He worked for many years in a senior position with one of the large Canadian banks, before becoming a consultant to the financial services industry. As a volunteer Jess was for several years President of Family Services Association of Toronto (FSAT), at that time the largest recipient of United Way funding in Canada, and served for many years on FSAT's Board and several of its committees. He has also served on other boards and committees involved in various community matters. Recently, he was part of a group that resuscitated the Bedford Park Residents Organization, and is one of its Directors. Finally, he is a member of, and a strong believer in, the YMCA, and an executive of the Arts & Letters Club of Toronto.

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John Bakous' home school is North Preparatory Public School where his 2 children are currently attending. He is the current Ward 8 alternate and has served in that capacity for X years. He has had the opportunity to serve on his local school council for the past 5 years, in various capacities including chair. At North Prep, he has had the privilege of working with a dedicated core of parents that are earnest in ensuring the enrichment of our children's lives and trying to meet their needs whilst they are at our school. He can honestly say that he strives to do what is best for our children. His passion has always been to do the utmost for our children so as they will have a productive and fulfilling time at school.

FSLAC - Nominated Candidate for Representative

Lynne LeBlanc's children attend Davisville Junior Public School, and are enrolled in the French Immersion program. She volunteers at the school in several areas, including pizza lunch, snack and fundraising. As a fluently bilingual marketing professional, she has had the pleasure of working on a wide range of projects that have included market research and provided insights to a wide range of industries, including engineering, education, and food science. Her experiences have allowed her to develop programs that speak directly to appropriate audiences from across Canada - in both French and English.

FSLAC - Nominated Candidate for Alternate

Nadya Phelan has two children both at Allenby, in grades 1 and 3 in French Immersion. She personally went to John Ross Robertson, Glenview and Lawrence Park Collegiate and is currently the Ward 8 Alternate on FSLAC.