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Survey responses:

- Should these meetings represent all Barrie residents by not having an opening prayer? Council meetings should be inclusive, and not include prayer on the agenda.
- Should council's decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public? Decisions and minutes are already easily accessible.
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? I value experts and community opinion and it would definitely depend on the issue.

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Survey responses:

- Should these meetings represent all Barrie residents by not having an opening prayer? I believe if a councillor would like to pray prior to a council meeting they can do it privately.
- Should council's decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public? Council decisions should be transparent to all. If there is a good reason not to be communicated to the residents it should be explained and articulated fully as to the reason. I can not imagine an issue that may or could arise that this would be the case.
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? In most cases expert advice should be listened to but it must be balanced with the input of the community at large.

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- Should council's decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public? Yes, more council decisions should be more transparent and easy to access online
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? I believe that expert opinions should be included but I do not believe they should or should not outweigh politics. As a councillor we are cited in by the

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- Should council's decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public? Decisions and minutes are already easily accessible.

- Should politics and democracy override expertise? No, relevant experts should outweigh politics.

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- Should council's decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public? Yes, more council decisions should be more transparent and easy to access online
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? Both play a major factor in public decision. Experts and politician have a duty to hear ALL sides relating to issues
- Comments: Democracy is the staple of my candidacy, allowing the voice of the ward, through respectful dialogue and communication,

to be utilized in all facets of decision making. Quorum decisions are the intended goal of all democracies.

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- Should council's decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public? Decisions and minutes are already easily accessible.
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? Ideally, politicians should follow the advice of experts while keeping the public's wishes in mind. In the case of the health education curriculum, I don't believe the new provincial government is following the wishes of the majority of the people.
- Comment: Barrie council meetings do not begin with a prayer and there are no plans to do so.

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Survey responses:

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- Should council's decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public? Yes, more council decisions should be more transparent and easy to access online

- Should politics and democracy override expertise? No, relevant experts should outweigh politics.
- Comments: Inclusivity, transparency and evidence-based research should always be a part of city council's activities and decisions.

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Survey responses:

- Should these meetings represent all Barrie residents by not having an opening prayer? Council meetings may open with prayer on the agenda, if they choose.
- Should council's decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public? Yes, more council decisions should be more transparent and easy to access online
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? No, relevant experts should outweigh politics.
- Comments: I believe that as the the majority of Barrie is Catholic / Christian (as of 2011) the prayer should be kept. Transparency is key for public trust in the system and for citizens to feel involved. It's impossible to city council to know everything about anything, therefor we must always consult the experts to ensure that all decisions are well thought through. If I have to make a decision at work about something I know nothing about, I will talk to some one who knows the effects of the decision so I can way the options and make an informed decision.

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- Should these meetings represent all Barrie residents by not having an opening prayer? Council meetings should be inclusive, and not include prayer on the agenda.
- Should council's decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public? Yes, more council decisions should be more transparent and easy to access online
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? The voters elect representatives based on their own personal beliefs, and that has to play a role in decision-making. But that decision-making should always be backed up with expert advice, and proof and reason.

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- Should these meetings represent all Barrie residents by not having an opening prayer? I believe council meetings should be inclusive,

and must therefore avoid including prayer on the agenda for meetings. That said, should individuals, from any faith, on council wish to prepare for their service while conducting business on city property, I believe they should be accommodated to do so, but in a private setting. However, prayer must not be on the agenda during council activities.

- Should council's decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public? Yes, more council decisions should be more transparent and easy to access online
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? Fact-based expertise should absolutely outweigh uninformed political ideology, but nothing should outweigh democracy. Elected representatives bear the responsibility to their constituents to ensure that decisions are evidence-based, and not based on emotional opinions. That means experts must be consulted, and political decisions must be made accordingly, and then the elected representatives must effectively communicate their reasons for making those evidence-based decisions to their constituency. If politicians do not have the courage and skills to do that, then they need to do better. The bottom line: Decisions must be evidence-based, but unelected individuals or groups cannot override the democratic process. Political representatives are elected and entrusted by their constituents to make evidence-based decisions on their behalf, and then to clearly communicate their rationale for those decisions to the people who elected them.
- Comments: Furthermore, along these lines, when nearly 60% of eligible voters refuse to engage in the political process, we will also continue to get less than optimal results at the polls.
- Municipally, we can institute ranked balloting, and provincially and federally, we need some form of proportionate representation. We need to take any steps we can to reform and install electoral processes, at all jurisdictions, that are more truly accountable and representative of our diverse society.

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Survey responses:

- Should these meetings represent all Barrie residents by not having an opening prayer? Council meetings should be inclusive, and not include prayer on the agenda.
- Should council's decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public? I agree that council decisions should be transparent and easy to access online but there are still situations where incamera sessions may be required due to personnel, contract or NDA agreement stipulations.
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? I believe there should be a balance between expertise, politics and democracy. Public opinion is constantly evolving as is the level of expertise in certain matters. The curriculum should be updated based on this balance. One should not supersede the other.

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Survey responses:

- Should teachers, administrators and staff be free to inform students about their rights and school policy, especially as it affects their freedom of conscience? Policies should allow and require that teachers honestly and fully inform students about their rights and school policies. Teachers should not be reprimanded for doing so.
- Board policy should require that students should be equally free to form groups or clubs that express their conscience, whether religious or non-religious? Yes, students should freely form clubs that express their beliefs or conscience, and teachers should be free to support them.
- Should board policy declare students be free to choose to participate or not in religious rituals? Students should be free to follow their conscience and not be pressured otherwise.
- Should the Ontario curriculum, including science and health, be presented without religious or political interference? Yes, teachers should be required to present the curriculum as is, and the curriculum should not be second guessed by board policy.
- Should board meetings represent all Simcoe County residents by not having an opening prayer? Trustee meetings should be inclusive, and not include prayer on the agenda.
- Should board policy allow students to have access to calming rooms that meet the needs of students? Yes, board policy should include calming rooms when called for by safety plans and individual education plans for students, which are shared with parents.
- Should board policy protect students and employees by allowing the use of blockers? Yes, blocker pads are sometimes required, and when used properly allow for the best educational experience for students and employees.
- Should board decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public on controversial issues? Yes, the board should be more transparent or easier to access, especially on controversial issues.
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? No, relevant experts should outweigh politics.

- Will you as a trustee work to protect accurate teaching? Yes, I will try to support accurate education when possible.
- Comments:

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- Board policy should require that students should be equally free to form groups or clubs that express their conscience, whether religious or non-religious? Yes, students should freely form clubs that express their beliefs or conscience and teachers should be free to support them with the understanding that such groups are to be positive expressions that promote understanding and not hate or discrimination towards another group.
- Should board policy declare students be free to choose to participate or not in religious rituals? Students should be free to follow their conscience and not be pressured otherwise.
- Should the Ontario curriculum, including science and health, be presented without religious or political interference? Yes, teachers should be required to present the curriculum as is. Interesting question with the recent developments in the province of Ontario going back to the 1998 Health and Physical Education Curriculum. The SCDSB issued a letter that indicated that all teachers are to follow the curriculum while expressing disappointment that information that was added in the 2015 curriculum was being lost. [https://www.scdsb.on.ca/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_210898/File/News%20documents/Letter%20from%20Director%20to%20SCDSB%20Staff.pdf](https://www.scdsb.on.ca/UserFiles/Servers/Server_210898/File/News%20documents/Letter%20from%20Director%20to%20SCDSB%20Staff.pdf)
- Should board meetings represent all Simcoe County residents by not having an opening prayer? Yes ALL SCDSB meetings should be inclusive and not include a prayer on the agenda. Recently the

SCDSB and SMCDSDS held joint meetings with regards to development charges and as a joint meeting the SMCDSDS did include a prayer that is a standard part of their meetings.

- Should board policy allow students to have access to calming rooms that meet the needs of students? Yes, board policy should include calming rooms when called for by safety plans and individual education plans for students, which are shared with parents.
- Should board policy protect students and employees by allowing the use of blockers? I am not against the use of blockers as long as there is an established protocol and policy with regards to when and how they are used. As a first time candidate I will need more information before I can fully answer this question.
- Should board decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public on controversial issues? Yes, the board should be more transparent or easier to access, especially on controversial issues.
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? No, relevant experts should outweigh politics.
- Will you as a trustee work to protect accurate teaching? Yes, I will try to support accurate education when possible.
- Comments: It is interesting the conflict you present between the fourth and ninth questions with regards to curriculum. In the fourth you ask if the curriculum should be taught without interference from board policies. But in question nine, you are specific on political interference in the development of a new Health and Physical Education Curriculum as part of what the government of Ontario is proposing for changes to many parts of the current curriculum.
- I have read both the 2015 and 1998 Health and Physical Education Curriculum documents and I am not in favour of stepping back to a document written twenty years ago that does not serve the needs or deal with the realities of our children in 2018. As a member of the Steele Street School Council in 2014, I was part of the consultation process however flawed that resulted in the passing of 2015 Health and Physical Activity Curriculum, and I did not have a problem with my children being taught from it the last number of years. I believe that having and sharing the best information available now is better than trying to keep relevant and important information from our children that are growing up in 2018 and not twenty years ago.
- I am hopeful that people will express their views by taking the time to complete the public survey once it is posted on the Government

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- Board policy should require that students should be equally free to form groups or clubs that express their conscience, whether religious or non-religious? Yes, students should freely form clubs that express their beliefs or conscience, and teachers should be free to support them.
- Should board policy declare students be free to choose to participate or not in religious rituals? Students should be free to follow their conscience and not be pressured otherwise.
- Should the Ontario curriculum, including science and health, be presented without religious or political interference? No, the teachers should be free to express any and all beliefs contrary to the Ontario curriculum, or board policy should be allowed to present additional information to students on religiously or politically controversial topics.



- Should board meetings represent all Simcoe County residents by not having an opening prayer? (No answer)
- Should board policy allow students to have access to calming rooms that meet the needs of students? Yes, board policy should include calming rooms when called for by safety plans and individual education plans for students, which are shared with parents.
- Should board policy protect students and employees by allowing the use of blockers? Yes, blocker pads are sometimes required, and when used properly allow for the best educational experience for students and employees.
- Should board decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public on controversial issues? Board decisions and min already easily accessible, but the majority of the residents in the wards that I am representing, are unaware of this. I believe that the board needs to make it easier for the community to access important information through other forms of media outlets, especially on controversial issues. The community deserves to feel included in such major decision making when it refers to their child's education.
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? No, relevant experts should outweigh politics.
- Will you as a trustee work to protect accurate teaching? Yes, I will try to support accurate education when possible.
- Comments:

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teachers honestly and fully inform students about their rights and school policies. Teachers should not be reprimanded for doing so.

- Board policy should require that students should be equally free to form groups or clubs that express their conscience, whether religious or non-religious? My answer is yes, students should freely form clubs unless the clubs are formed strictly to exclude others.
- Should board policy declare students be free to choose to participate or not in religious rituals? If parents choose to send their children to a Catholic school, there is an expectation that religion will be taught. If parents don't want to their child to be exposed to religion, public school is the alternative.
- Should the Ontario curriculum, including science and health, be presented without religious or political interference? Yes, teachers should be required to present the curriculum as is, and the curriculum should not be second guessed by board policy.
- Should board meetings represent all Simcoe County residents by not having an opening prayer? Trustee meetings should be inclusive, and not include prayer on the agenda.
- Should board policy allow students to have access to calming rooms that meet the needs of students? Yes, board policy should include calming rooms when called for by safety plans and individual education plans for students, which are shared with parents.
- Should board policy protect students and employees by allowing the use of blockers? Yes, blocker pads are sometimes required, and when used properly allow for the best educational experience for students and employees.
- Should board decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public on controversial issues? There were partnership possibilities to keep Barrie Central open. These were hidden from the public which is completely unacceptable. School board should absolutely be more transparent. Secrecy breeds contempt
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? There should be a balance between experts and parents. Finding parents/experts who are willing to learn from each other should create the best possible outcome for students.
- Will you as a trustee work to protect accurate teaching? Yes, I will try to support accurate education when possible.
- Comments: I personally don't like the fact that the Ontario gov't has done away with a curriculum that teaches about bullying, about

computer safety, about inclusion and acceptance of others (such as trans/LGBTQ). However, I do think that there should be one curriculum taught and that individual teachers should not make the decisions as to that curriculum. Without consistency, students could be more confused about sexual issues.

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Survey responses:

- Should teachers, administrators and staff be free to inform students about their rights and school policy, especially as it affects their freedom of conscience? Policies should allow and require that teachers honestly and fully inform students about their rights and school policies. Teachers should not be reprimanded for doing so.
- Board policy should require that students should be equally free to form groups or clubs that express their conscience, whether religious or non-religious? Special interest groups are a great opportunity for like minded individuals to come together and create a community. I think these groups should be supported so long as they do not detract from the overall community and don't promote segregation or any form of hate for others (speech, actions or otherwise)

- Should board policy declare students be free to choose to participate or not in religious rituals? Students should be free to follow their conscience and not be pressured otherwise.
- Should the Ontario curriculum, including science and health, be presented without religious or political interference? The answers above do not necessarily answer the question satisfactorily for me. I believe that curriculums should be designed and developed by professionals and they should not be motivated by political or religious beliefs. I believe that altering a curriculum for political reasons is as wrong as altering a curriculum for personal beliefs. Further to this, I believe religious studies and 'political science' are very enlightening and have value when taught in an unbiased and holistic method.
- Should board meetings represent all Simcoe County residents by not having an opening prayer? Trustee meetings should be inclusive, and not include prayer on the agenda.
- Should board policy allow students to have access to calming rooms that meet the needs of students? I don't know that a padded 4 X 4 cell is the answer, as per the article referenced, but I do support the educational plan as developed and agreed upon by the teacher and the parent(s) including a de-escalating or 'calming' plan.
- Should board policy protect students and employees by allowing the use of blockers? Safety of both educators and students is a priority. I believe that the tools and resources necessary to ensure safety must be determined on a case by case basis and do not see the need for mandatory use of blockers in all special needs situations.
- Should board decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public on controversial issues? The Board is a public institution and made up of representative members of the community. As with all public institutions – (government, agencies, etc.) the board should be transparent, open and accessible except when doing so jeopardizes personal privacy, health and safety, or business competition
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? No, relevant experts should outweigh politics.
- Will you as a trustee work to protect accurate teaching? Yes, I will try to support accurate education when possible.

- Comments:

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- Board policy should require that students should be equally free to form groups or clubs that express their conscience, whether religious or non-religious? Students should be allowed to form groups and teachers should be able to help support these groups if they so choose as long as these groups are not promoting hate or racism or violence.
- Should board policy declare students be free to choose to participate or not in religious rituals? There are public and catholic schools for a reason. Catholic is based on its religious components which sets it apart from the public school. We have choices as parents in Ontario to send our children to public or Catholic school in doing so we are accepting what sets them apart that being the religious components. Once children reach high school they have a better understanding and are able to exercise their own personal choice which why its important to accept students who previously attended public elementary school to Catholic or visa versa.

- Should the Ontario curriculum, including science and health, be presented without religious or political interference? There should always be a forum to express concerns and have those heard and policies amended as needed. However I do believe in consistency when teaching curriculum. Students can always challenge what they are learning.
- Should board meetings represent all Simcoe County residents by not having an opening prayer? There are so many different faiths in our multicultural society the answer to this question will never make everyone happy.
- Should board policy allow students to have access to calming rooms that meet the needs of students? Yes, board policy should include calming rooms when called for by safety plans and individual education plans for students, which are shared with parents.
- Should board policy protect students and employees by allowing the use of blockers? Until you have lived through someones else's experience its easy to make judgments. Sometimes you have to think outside the box. We all love our children and want the best for them. We need to work together for the best outcome for all.
- Should board decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public on controversial issues? Yes, the board should be more transparent or easier to access, especially on controversial issues.
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? The best is when there is collaboration with experts, parents and teachers.
- Will you as a trustee work to protect accurate teaching? I will support our children, parents, teachers and administrators. This is about building and strengthening our community schools
- Comments: I am looking forward to being a voice for the people. I truly believe in a collaborative approach using different strengths and perspectives to come to the best possible solution for our children and teachers.

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- Should board policy declare students be free to choose to participate or not in religious rituals? Students should be free to follow their conscience and not be pressured otherwise.
- Should the Ontario curriculum, including science and health, be presented without religious or political interference? Yes, teachers should be required to present the curriculum as is, and the curriculum should not be second guessed by board policy.
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- Should board decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public on controversial issues? Yes, the board should be more transparent or easier to access, especially on controversial issues.
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? I will always support a public consultation, the 2015 curriculum has been controversial and there have been complaints, so a one year wait for Grades 1 to 8 will do no harm in hopes that the Sex Ed/Health



curriculum can be perfected to be completely age appropriate for elementary school children

- Will you as a trustee work to protect accurate teaching? Yes, I will try to support accurate education when possible.
- Comments: I will always speak out if I disagree with government policy/legislation and I have done so lately regarding the 'snitchline' on the sex ed issue

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- Board policy should require that students should be equally free to form groups or clubs that express their conscience, whether religious or non-religious? school is where student are allowed to make mistakes,and find path and no the limits
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- Should the Ontario curriculum, including science and health, be presented without religious or political interference? the teachers should all be fired for not teaching properly you can not serve both money and christian god
- Should board meetings represent all Simcoe County residents by not having an opening prayer? no prayer in school i recommend music teacher gets students to ..sing psalm hymns
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- Should board decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public on controversial issues? Yes, the board should be more transparent or easier to access, especially on controversial issues.
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? expert i mean those who work person to person day by day usually know best
- Will you as a trustee work to protect accurate teaching? teachers are a union ontario since 1967 has been taken over by criminal gangs

the teachers have failed to teach the children of current event the teachers have created a new class of mercenary they corrupting the children [all i was taught in school about this was shakespeare's merchant of venice, now almost no one gets any money unless they deal with their controllers, who make all the food, cars, metals, etc the teachers are to blame one way or the other, they can be replaced

- Comments: I was the only candidate at Wasaga election meeting to mention religion
- the media ... lied [stole/fraud the election from me reporting] that I was unable to attend [my speech there was omitted from Wasaga t.v. youtube]
- the mayor Smith said it best— we can only survive because of chamber of commerce mostly owned by deeply entrenched criminal gangs]
- the sooner you vote to address this problem the more chance the voters have to stop the children becoming mercenaries, slaves or worse
- the vile math, physics ... teachers, blithely ignore the despicable history teachers
- are cowards they teach students as if we must live in Disneyland fantasy rat-race

[CollingwoodToday writes:](#)

While Brian McWilliams did submit a response to CollingwoodToday, the majority of his responses were deemed unfit for publication due to them including unsubstantiated allegations of criminal activity, some racially insensitive and anti-LGBT charged speech and suggestions not under the purview of a school board trustee position.

I have decided to reproduce his response in full.

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- Should board policy protect students and employees by allowing the use of blockers? Pads may be used when in the IEP and IPRC as a last resort. All other possible measures should be tried first.
- Should board decisions and reasons be easily accessible by the public on controversial issues? Yes, the board should be more transparent or easier to access, especially on controversial issues.
- Should politics and democracy override expertise? You really need to weigh both, and the weight of each should be based on the level of expertise of the experts, and the social relevance of people's opinions.
- Will you as a trustee work to protect accurate teaching? Yes, I will try to support accurate education when possible.
- Comments:

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