



Bob Edwards School

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Dear Coaches and Participants,

On March 1st, Bob Edwards is pleased to host a Bilingual Provincial Tournament for Junior and Senior High students. Senior students will debate Topic 3, « Cette Chambre soutient une législation qui permettrait l'usage de référendum révocatoire à tous les niveaux de gouvernement au Canada. » (Recall Elections, with research on the ADSA website). Junior students will debate the topic: « Cette chambre croit que les meilleurs dirigeants politiques sont des avocats. » THB the best political leaders are lawyers.

Bob Edwards is a small school with limited rooms available... but bilingual events are also small, so we expect to accommodate everyone. Registered teams will be confirmed on February 17. Please get in touch right away if you do not hear back on the 17th.

- LOCATION: Bob Edwards School (4424 Marlborough Drive NE T2A 2Z5)
- DATE: Wednesday, March 1, 2017
- TIME: 4:15 pm to approximately 8:30 pm
- COST: \$50 per team. Includes dinner for debaters and judges only. Cheques payable to Bob Edwards School.
- JUDGES: Any bilingual (French-English) judges will be needed – please ask around. We may have to limit registration from each school if we cannot confirm sufficient judges for this event.
- REGISTRATION: Please register on or before February 16 by email to klfranks@cbe.ab.ca in a Word document using the ADSA format below.

REGISTRATION FORMAT:

Debater 1	Debater 2	Judge 1	Judge 2	Category: Senior; Jr Open or Jr Beginner	Dietary restrictions	Priority/ Rank

For the Junior High topic: « Cette chambre croit que les meilleurs dirigeants politiques sont des avocats. » En anglais, THB the best political leaders are lawyers.

This resolution asks debaters to weigh the concern for elitism against the concern for populism in the arena of politics. Here are some starting ideas to direct their research and speech-writing:

Proposition	Opposition
Need for understanding of the law	Need for understanding of the people
Danger of “populist” leaders	Danger of “career politicians”
Advantage of highly educated leaders (ruling elites)	Advantage of leader connection to the lives of ordinary Canadians
Possible US comparison: Trump!	Possible US comparison: Alienation of grassroots support by Democrats/Clinton
Present Progressive Conservative Party leadership candidate, Kevin O’Leary	Present Progressive Conservative Party leadership candidate, Kevin O’Leary
Background of past Canadian leaders	Background of past Canadian leaders
Qualities needed to lead are ones developed through building a career in the Law	Qualities needed to lead are diverse, depending on the times and conditions
Resolution moves towards better screening candidates for essential knowledge	Resolution rules out or discourages too many valuable contributions
Lawyers are already committed to rule of law, and will better respect the limits placed on political leaders	Lawyers can be corrupt – not inherently better than anyone else in terms of their values

Following is our tentative schedule for the evening.

4:15 – 5:00 p.m.	Registration of Teams, Coaches, and Judges
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Dinner served in the Cafeteria
5:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Judges' Briefing in the Library (all judges need to attend)
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Round 1
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Round 2
8:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Awards and closing in the Library

IMPORTANT:

- Space is limited, but we will do all we can to accommodate all interested students.
- We will confirm school and student ADSA membership before confirming registration to this tournament.
- Any questions or concerns, please email Kate Franks at klfranks@cbe.ab.ca.

We look forward to seeing you in March.

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