

KATE BAGGOT

Professional Profile

Kate Baggott's career is characterized by a mix of academic research, journalism, and advocacy, with a specific focus on the intersection of technology and society.

- **Journalism & Writing:** She is an established [author](#) and freelance journalist whose work has appeared in national and international publications. Her writing spans experimental fiction, creative nonfiction, and technology journalism. She has published short story collections, including *Dry Stories* and *Love from Planet Wine Cooler*.
- **Technology & Research:** Since 1996, Baggott has worked as a research consultant specializing in how children and youth interact with technology.
- **Education & Curriculum:** She has experience in project management and instructional design, particularly within the "EdTech" sector, where she has curated industry news and developed curriculum-related content.
- **Teaching:** While living in Germany, she taught English for specific purposes (including Engineering and Organic Chemistry) at the University of Applied Sciences in Darmstadt.

Educational Background

- **Master of Fine Arts (MFA):** University of British Columbia.
- **Bachelor of Arts (BA):** University of Toronto.

DSBN Trustee & Leadership

Baggott was first elected to the [Board of Trustees](#) in **2018** and was re-elected for the 2022–2026 term.

- **Board Chair:** In November 2025, she was elected [Chair of the Board](#).
- **Key Priorities:** Her platform has consistently focused on:
 - **Accountability and Transparency:** Increasing open communication between the board and the community.
 - **Student Success:** Championing 21st-century skills and ensuring educational pathways remain open for all students.

- **Equity & Inclusion:** Developing policies that protect vulnerable students and fighting against hate to keep schools safe.
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Community Involvement & Advocacy

Beyond her role at the DSBN, Baggott has a long history of civic engagement:

- **Volunteerism:** She has volunteered with **Out of the Cold**, a program supporting the homeless.
- **Public Education Advocacy:** Before her election, she was a vocal advocate regarding school closures in Niagara, frequently writing about the impact of "accommodation reviews" on local neighborhoods.
- **Human Rights:** She has been involved in regional advocacy for women's rights and has voiced concerns regarding Charter rights and municipal governance in the Niagara region.

Personal Profile

- **Residence:** She lives in **St. Catharines**, though she maintains strong ties to **Niagara-on-the-Lake**, where her family has historical roots (notably the Niagara Apothecary).
- **Family:** She is a **single parent** of two children (one university-aged and one high-school-aged as of the mid-2020s). Her personal experience as a parent heavily informs her "parents' voice" approach to school board governance.