

# TORONTO CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CPIC)

## REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2023



CATHOLIC  
PARENT  
INVOLVEMENT  
COMMITTEE

### Elementary Parent Members

**Jennifer Di Francesco**

Ward 1

**Gabriela Berloni**

Ward 2

**Joe Fiorante**

Ward 3

*Vacant*

Ward 4

**Ravi Peters**

Ward 5 East

**Daniel Oliveira**

Ward 5 West

**Gus Gikas**

Ward 6

**Lisa Landriault**

Ward 7

**Richelle De Belchior**

Ward 8 East

*Vacant*

Ward 8 West

**Abayomi Bedward**

Ward 9

**Brian Arruda**

Ward 10

**James Ocampo**

Ward 11 North

**Fadzi McConnell**

Ward 11 South

*Vacant*

Ward 12

### Community Members

**(1) Natalia Marriott**

(OAPCE Toronto)

**(2) Vacant**

**(3) Vacant**

### **PURPOSE**

*CPIC is the legislated parent voice at the Toronto Catholic District School Board for parents of students in TCDSB schools.*

### **MISSION**

*To improve student academic achievement and the emotional, spiritual and physical well-being of students by supporting, encouraging and enhancing meaningful parent engagement.*

**Dr. Brendan Browne**  
Director of Education

### Secondary Parent

#### Members

*Vacant*

West - (Wards 1,2,3 & 4)

*Vacant*

Central – (Wards 5,6,9 & 10)

*Vacant*

East – (Wards 7,8,11 & 12)

### Trustee Representatives

**Ida Li Preti**

**Markus de Domenico**

(Alternate)

### Board Representatives

**Ryan Peterson**

Director Designate

*Vacant*

Parent Engagement  
Coordinator

**Marco Ouji**

Communications

**ONTARIO EDUCATION ACT – REGULATION 612 (PART III)**  
**PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEES**

**PURPOSE**

- 27.** (1) The purpose of a parent involvement committee is to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. O. Reg. 330/10, s. 6.
- (2) A parent involvement committee of a Board shall achieve its purpose by,
- (a) providing information and advice on parent engagement to the board;
  - (b) communicating with and supporting school councils of schools of the board; and
  - (c) undertaking activities to help parents of pupils of the board support their children's learning at home and at school. O. Reg. 330/10, s. 6.
- 28.** A parent involvement committee of a board shall,
- (a) develop strategies and initiatives that the board and the board's director of education could use to effectively communicate with parents and to effectively engage parents in improving student achievement and well-being;
  - (b) advise the board and the board's director of education on ways to use the strategies and initiatives referred to in clause (a);
  - (c) communicate information from the Ministry to school councils of schools of the board and to parents of pupils of the board;
  - (d) work with school councils of schools of the board and, through the board's director of education, with employees of the board to,
    - (i) share effective practices to help engage parents, especially parents who may find engagement challenging, in their children's learning,
    - (ii) identify and reduce barriers to parent engagement,
    - (iii) help ensure that schools of the board create a welcoming environment for parents of its pupils, and
    - (iv) develop skills and acquire knowledge that will assist the parent involvement committee and school councils of the board with their work;
  - and
  - (e) determine, in consultation with the board's director of education and in keeping with the board's policies, how funding, if any, provided under the *Education Act* for parent involvement as described in section 27 and clauses (a) to (d), is to be used. O. Reg. 330/10, s. 6.

**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
TORONTO CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE  
  
PUBLIC SESSION via E-MEETING**

**Joe Fiorante, Chair,     Jennifer Di Francesco, Vice Chair**

**Public Webcast – YouTube Live**

**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVgBs31RMSjzWOaVvQAc\\_Pw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVgBs31RMSjzWOaVvQAc_Pw)**

**September 18, 2023**

**7:00 pm**

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<b>1. Call to Order</b>	
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<b>2.a Land Acknowledgement</b>	<b>1</b>
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- 7.d Angel Foundation for Learning - John Yan, Executive Director and Emmy Szekeres Milne, Manager, Communication, Events and Fundraising 10 - 28
- 8. Delegations
- 9. Unfinished Business & Matters Rising Out of Minutes
- 10. Notices of Motion
- 11. Communications Received
- 12. Program/Consultation (Committee of the Whole)
  - 12.a Catholic School Parent Council School Messenger Communication Protocol 29 - 31
  - 12.b Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Elections 2023 (Refer to September 18, 2023 Addendum)
- 13. Subcommittee & Special Committee Reports
- 14. Matters Referred to the Committee by the Board of Trustees and Other Committees of the Board
- 15. Reports from TCDSB Board Officials
  - 15.a Update (Verbal) - Ryan Peterson, Director - Designate for Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
- 16. Reports from Trustee or Trustee Alternate
  - 16.a Update (Verbal) - Ida Li Preti, Trustee and Markus de Domenico, Trustee Alternative
- 17. Parent Member & Community Member Reports
- 18. Update from the Board on Prior CPIC Resolutions Recommended
- 19. Pending List
- 20. Adjournment

## *Land Acknowledgement*

Out of our deep respect for Indigenous peoples in Canada, we acknowledge that all Toronto Catholic District School Board properties are situated upon traditional territories of the Anishinabek (a-ni-shna-bek), the Haudenosaunee (hoh-Dee-noh-Shoh-nee) Confederacy, and the Wendat peoples. We also acknowledge the land covered by Treaty 13 is held by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Toronto is subject to The Dish with One Spoon covenant. We also recognize the contributions and enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people in Ontario and the rest of Canada.

## *La Reconnaissance du Territoire*

*Nous témoignons du plus grand respect pour les Peuples autochtones au Canada et nous avons à cœur de souligner que tous les immeubles du Toronto Catholic District School Board sont situés sur les terres traditionnelles de la Nation Anishinabek, de la Confédération de Haudenosaunees et des Wendats. Il est également important de noter que le territoire visé par le Traité 13 est celui des Mississaugas de la Première Nation Credit et que celui de Toronto est protégé par l'accord d'« un plat à une cuillère ». Nous tenons également à rappeler la présence pérenne et l'importance des contributions des Premières Nations, des Metis et des Inuits en Ontario, et dans tout le Canada.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**IN PERSON AT THE CEC**

**HELD MONDAY MAY 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the Meeting to Order at 7:17 PM. The Chair activated the livestream on the CPIC YouTube channel.

**2. Opening Prayer**

Opening Prayer was led by Joe Fiorante.

The Land Acknowledgement was led by Jennifer Di Francesco.

**3. Roll Call & Apologies**

**Trustees:** Ida Li Preti (W3)

**Elementary** Jennifer Di Francesco (W1)

**Parent** Gabriela Berloni (W2)

**Members:** Joe Fiorante (W3), Chair

Daniel Oliveira (W5/W)

Gus Gikas (W6)

Richelle De Belchior (W8/E)

Brian Arruda (W10)

Fadzi McConnell (W11/S)

**Secondary** None

**Parent**

**Members:**

**Community Members:** None

**Staff:** Ryan Peterson (Director Designate)  
Manuela Sequeira (Parent Engagement Coordinator)

**Guests:** Antonelle Ceddia, Executive General Counsel and Head of Legal Services

Lisa Landriault (W7) sent regrets.

Ravi Peters (W5/E), Abayomi Bedward (W9), James Ocampo (W11/N), Annalisa Crudo-Perri (Central), Natalia Marriott (OAPCE Toronto) and Marco Ouji (Communications) were absent.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Gabriela Berloni, that the Agenda, be approved.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**5. Declarations of Interest**

None declared by Members present.

**6. Approval & Signing of the Minutes**

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that the April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, be approved.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**7. Presentations and Reports from Committee Officials**

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Daniel Oliveira, that Item 7a) be adopted as follows:

**7a) From the Chair – Monthly Report** received.

The Chair provided an update of all the actions taken and events and meetings attended since the last meeting.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Gabriela Berloni, that Item 7b) be adopted as follows:

**7b) From the Treasurer – Financial Report as of April 30, 2023** received.

The Treasurer informed the Committee that the current balance is \$89,961.10.



By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Jennifer Di Francesco, that Item 7c) be adopted as follows:

- 7c) **Amended Student Trustee Policy – Legal Basis – Antonella Ceddia, Executive General Counsel and Head of Legal Services** received.

The Committee received an explanation for the amendment of Student Trustee Policy T.02 by striking out the words “Roman Catholic” from Regulation 10(i).

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**12. Program/Consultation (Committee of the Whole)**

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Gabriela Berloni, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

- 12a) **Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Election (Information)** received.

The Committee received an overview of the positions that will be open for the October 2023 elections as previously discussed at past meetings.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**15. Reports from TCDSB Board Officials**

MOVED by Gus Gikas, seconded by Brian Arruda, that Items 15a) be adopted as follows:

- 15a) Update (Verbal) – Ryan Peterson, Director – Designate for Catholic Parent Involvement Committee** received.

Ryan Peterson spoke about the upcoming heritage month and the many cultures and events being celebrated. Also, spoke to Board policies and how that are constantly reviewed using appropriate lenses.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**16. Reports from Trustee or Trustee Alternate**

MOVED by Jennifer Di Francesco, seconded by Daniel Oliveira, that Item 16a) be adopted as follows:

- 16a) Update (Verbal) – Ida Li Preti, Trustee and Markus de Domenico, Trustee Alternative** received.

Trustee Li Preti spoke to the budget being passed on May 18, 2023. Also, a High-Performance Athletic Program Pilot was approved.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

**17. Parent Member & Community Member Reports**

17a) From Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education deferred.

**20. Adjournment**

MOVED by Jennifer De Francesco, seconded by Brian Arruda, that the meeting be adjourned.

By Unanimous consent, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

The Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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CPIC SECRETARY

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CPIC CHAIR



CATHOLIC  
PARENT  
INVOLVEMENT  
COMMITTEE



## **Chair Report**

### **May 2023 to Sept 2023**

- Communicated with Director Designate and Parent Engagement Coordinator.
- Communicated with CPIC Executive Members.
- Communicated with CSPCs.
- Communicated with Recording Secretary.
- Communicated with Director of Education.
- Communicated with Webmaster.
- Attended OAPCE Meeting on June 5, 2023.
- Attended Angel Foundation for Learning Annual Golf Day Tournament.
- Monitored social media and engaged when appropriate.
- Reviewed TCDSB Board Agendas.
- Prepared May draft Minutes.
- Prepared September Agenda.
- Received the resignation of Annalisa Crudo-Perri, Secondary Parent Member Central.
- Received notification of the departure of Manuela Sequeira from the Parent Engagement Coordinator position and that the Parent Engagement Coordinator position is no longer.

# CPIC Grant & Expenditure Summary

As at August 31, 2023

	<b>CPIC 2022-23</b>
	<b>FR 1928</b>
<b>APPROVED FUNDING</b>	<b>19,109.00</b>
<b>CARRYOVER FROM PREVIOUS YEAR</b>	<b>71,984.51</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>91,093.51</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Childcare & Supplies	-
Election-Parent Recruitment Expenses	-
Media Advertising	-
Transcriptions	-
Mileage	1,145.62
Parent Resources	103.19
Printing & Supplies	246.76
Promotional Materials	-
Hospitality	2,327.24
Refreshments - Meeting	1,088.67
Speaker & Recognition Expenses	-
Telecommunication	-
Translation Services	-
TTC Tokens - Buses	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,911.48</b>
<b>CARRYOVER TO NEW YEAR</b>	<b>86,182.03</b>



The Angel Foundation for Learning is a charitable organization that serves the needs of more than 90,000 students in the City of Toronto. Through the generosity and compassion of corporate sponsors and individual donors, we help children and families who are experiencing financial hardships.

Our mandate is to ensure that all students have access to the supports they need to fully participate in all education opportunities, and have equal opportunities for success.

## **Student Nutrition Programs Feed 61,000+ Students Every Day**

Each unique Student Nutrition Program (SNP) operates in schools with the help of staff, student and parent volunteers. In an average month, these SNPs provide 1.2 million healthy meals and snacks to children in 167 schools in the City of Toronto.

Nutrition programs help with the formation of healthy eating habits, and support improved academic performance.

One quarter of students are living in poverty, and in some neighbourhoods that number is as high as one in three living in homes where families are struggling to provide basic necessities for their children.

Municipal and provincial government grants subsidize approximately 25% of the costs associated with running SNPs. Each school provides the balance through fundraising, parent donations and corporate donations. With rising food costs, these programs are finding it more challenging to provide nutritious snacks to children.

## **Guardian Angel Programs Ensure No Student is Left Behind**

### **School Allocations**

Learning also happens outside the classroom! School trips, presentations and classroom excursions enhance the learning experience for students. Families are often asked to assist with the additional costs of these opportunities but for many this can pose an added burden. Through School Allocations, each school can request funds to reduce the costs associated with school trips or leadership activities for their students to ensure that all children can participate.

### **Social Work Emergency Fund**

Overseen by a dedicated team of professionally certified social workers, applications under the Social Work Emergency Fund cover food, clothing, basic life essentials and shelter for students. Loss of employment, a family crisis, an illness or an accident are just some of the many reasons families in distress reach out to us.

### **Family Support Fund for Extreme Needs**

This fund is available for TCDSB students whose families, due to exceptional and sometimes catastrophic circumstances, require financial assistance and/or other support to ensure their health and well-being.

### **The Angel Foundation for Learning Camp Fund**

The Angel Foundation for Learning Camp Fund was created to provide students facing financial challenges the opportunity to participate in summer camp activities. The criteria has been extended to include after school sports and educational activities for students that would otherwise not be able to afford the costs of these programs.

### **Reliable Life Fund**

The Reliable Life Fund provides emergency support for a student's medical necessities (health, dental, or vision) that may be the result of a schoolyard accident or other medical issue, where the family does not have the necessary funds to meet the student's need for treatment.

### **The AFL Arts Fund**

TCDSB students demonstrating artistic ability in Visual Arts, Music, Drama or Dance can apply for up to \$500 to develop their talents. The Angel Foundation for Learning wants students who have been identified with artistic talents to have the opportunity to develop these skills regardless of the family's ability to pay for lessons or materials. This fund is made available due to a generous bequest from Bob Wilson, a former TCDSB/MSSB employee, who had a passion for the Arts.

### **The Loretto Fund**

The Loretto Sisters have a long history of helping refugees and recent immigrants settle into their new life in Canada. This fund supports students who are newcomers to Canada so they are able participate in school events including, but not limited to: Leadership activities, Orientation camps, Sports events, Retreats, Field trips, Seminars and Compliance with school dress code. This includes more than 1,000 newcomers from Ukraine.

### **Vouchers for School Apparel**

Starting in the Spring of 2021, with the support of McCarthy Uniforms, The Angel Foundation for Learning provided vouchers to eligible students to offset the cost of purchasing school apparel, including uniforms and athletic apparel.

### **Helping Students Fulfill Post-Secondary Aspirations**

The Angel Foundation for Learning distribute more than \$40,000 in bursaries and awards in 2022, including a newly established bursary for Indigenous students, a bursary for deaf and hard of hearing students, a bursary for students with special needs, as well as bursaries for students who are experiencing financial challenges.

The newly established Student Equity Fund for Post-Secondary Education subsidizes the cost of application fees to Ontario colleges and universities for eligible secondary school students.

The long term fall out from the global pandemic, including soaring prices for food, gas, accommodations and other necessities has disproportionately impacted families who were already struggling previously, and we are responding to an even higher number of requests for assistance in recent months, and we expect that trend to continue as the recession takes hold.

More than ever The Angel Foundation for Learning needs the support of individual donors as well as corporate partners to ensure that fundraising keeps pace with the needs in the community.

Visit [www.angelfoundationforlearning.org](http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org) for more information about The Angel Foundation for Learning.



## That's a Wrap On Another Amazing Year!

Time flies when you are having fun, and we have had another incredible year thanks to everyone who supported us or participated in the many promotions, contests and fundraising activities. We thank all who opened up their hearts and their wallets to help us in our efforts to support students and families in need throughout the year.

Through the generosity of our caring and compassionate donors and [corporate sponsors](#), we were able to disperse: \$105,534.84 from March 1st to June 15th. The last round of grocery cards valued at \$50 each from the AFL's Student Home Nutrition Program has gone to all 900+ students enrolled virtually at St. Anne Catholic Academy. Coming up in the summer, the AFL will be providing over \$150,000 in food cards to TCDSB students participating in Focus on Youth camps, Elementary School Summer Learning Program including students with Multiple Exceptionalities. Your help makes this possible.

It is a year of transition for the Foundation as we bid farewell to a number of dedicated AFL Board members. First and foremost, our heartfelt thanks goes out to Nancy Murdocca, who has retired from her position as Chair, after serving on the Board of Directors for 20 years, joining the Foundation after her retirement from TCDSB as a social worker. She has led the Foundation with incredible commitment to the students we serve, respect for her fellow Board members and incredible leadership that helped us navigate through some challenging times.

We also say farewell to our Honorary Treasurer Mary Eileen Donovan, Carmela Giardini and Liz Gabbott who have each served the Foundation for over 30 years as well as Odette Fernandes who has represented the Social Work team with incredible commitment and compassion. These leaders have collectively provided the Foundation with tremendous insight and support throughout their many years of service to the organization.



We wish all our departing members continued success, good health and enjoyment in the years ahead.



The Foundation extends a warm welcome to newly elected Student Trustee Ashionyedue Joygold Goodluck from Father Henry Carr Catholic Secondary School. She will join returning Student Trustee David Beshai on our Board of Directors, and we look forward to their insights and ideas as we continue to respond to the needs of students across the TCDSB.

As our thoughts turn to holiday plans for the summer, we invite you to take a look back at some of the highlights from the past few months.

We wish all of you, the Angels Among Us, a safe, happy and restful summer with friends and family, and thank you for helping our student soar!

## Believe in Angels Week

Mark your calendars for **Believe in Angels Week November 27th to December 1st.**

We often say that not all angels have wings, but we can all do our part to make the world a better place for everyone, so this week will be an opportunity for all of us to be angels for others. We want to celebrate your acts of kindness and community service, and hope that you will share all that your school communities are doing to help others. We also hope that each school will consider holding, or planning, a local fundraising initiative specifically to support the work of AFL as well. With your continued support we can help our students achieve their dreams regardless of their financial circumstances. Watch for further information and resources coming your way early in September.

# Spring 2023 Highlights

## Record Number of Applicants for AFL Awards and Bursaries

The Angel Foundation for Learning is pleased to announce the winners of the 2023 student bursaries and school awards. With so many diverse and inspiring applications, it was a challenge for the various review panels to come up with their recommendations.

“The incredible stories shared by this year’s applicants speak volumes to the determination and commitment of these young people to overcome life’s challenges and do whatever it takes to fulfill their aspirations for the future,” says AFL Executive Director John Yan. “What these candidates have already accomplished in such a short time tells us that the future is in good hands as they continue on the path of giving back to their communities.”

This year’s winner of the AFL Student Bursary for Indigenous Youth is Christopher Canning from St Joan of Arc Catholic Academy. This bursary, valued at \$5,000 is funded jointly by the AFL and the TCDSB’s Equity, Diversity and Indigenous Education Department.

Thanks to the continued generosity of Connie Leon and the Leon Family, four students again received the Tom Leon Student Bursary, valued at \$5,000 each: Karissa Cruz from Mary Ward, Tristan Robles from Neil McNeil, Kayla Siriban from Francis Libermann and Paulina Sieczka from Michael Power-St Joseph. These bursaries were presented at the Toronto Catholic District School Board year-end Mass on June 22nd.

“Our thanks goes out to everyone who supports AFL’s award and bursary program which enables these outstanding individuals to pursue their post-secondary goals,” says Mr Yan. “Given the continued growing needs, we are committed to expanding the number of bursaries that will be offered in the future.”

Other Award and Bursary winners included:  
Bacchelli Family Bursary – Trinity Osamuyi, St Basil-the-Great Exceptional Student Bursary – Sara Galinato, Dante Alighieri Mary Jane McKeen Bursary – Jicoy Bascombe, St Martin Murdocca Family Literacy Bursary – Charlize Marshall, Mary Ward  
Tandia Bursary – Tharushi Nathasha Perera, Mary Ward  
AFL Music Bursary – Nicole Johnson, St Joseph Morrow Park  
AFL Visual Arts Bursary – Jimin Seo, St Joseph College  
Spirit of Inclusion Award – Joshua Tiglaio, St Victor

Our congratulations to all the successful candidates, and our thanks and best wishes to all the amazing young people who submitted applications.



Tom Leon  
Student  
Bursary  
Winners



Christopher Canning

## Special Offer From Toronto Argos

[Get discounted tickets](#) to remaining Argos home games this season. **Save up to 25%** on the regular ticket price, and know that \$5 from every purchase will be donated to AFL. Cheer on the defending CFL champs this summer, save money and give back to students in need

**DISCOUNTED OFFER** THE ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

GET UP TO 25% OFF THE FOLLOWING TORONTO ARGONAUTS GAMES:

 SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH 7:00 PM VS. HAMILTON	 MONDAY, JULY 03RD 7:00 PM VS. BC
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH 7:00 PM VS. OTTAWA	 FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH 7:30 PM VS. CALGARY
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 09TH 1:00 PM VS. MONTREAL	 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD 7:00 PM VS. HAMILTON
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 06TH 7:00 PM VS. EDMONTON	 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 7:00 PM VS. OTTAWA

For Additional Information or to book a group of 10 or more, Please Contact:  
**VANESSA.TELLEZ@MLSE.COM or 416-815-2297**



## Celebrating Our Student Nutrition Heroes

It takes a village to raise a child, and in our schools, it also takes the tireless efforts of dedicated volunteers to ensure that all students receive nutritious meals and snacks through our Student Nutrition Programs. Our immense gratitude goes out to all of our school administrators, SNP coordinators and other volunteers for their commitment to student health and well-being.

For the second year, we held a random draw from among the many schools who submitted photos and stories about their incredible SNP volunteers during Nutrition Month in March, and we visited the winning schools during Volunteer Month in April to present these individuals with a certificate of appreciation and a gift as a token of our thanks.

Congratulations to this year's winners: (left to right) Maria Baskaran (St Edmund Campion), Susie Di Petta and Lisa Pagliaroli (St Conrad), Kaylene Lambayong (Marshall McLuhan) and Marie Wright-Mendonca (St Nicholas of Bari).



Student Nutrition Programs are always in need of volunteers.

[Visit our website](#) to learn more about how you can get involved in the fight against hunger.

## Loretto Sisters Mark a Milestone: 175 Years of Service

On April 30th a special celebration was held at St Paul's Basilica in honour of the Loretto Sisters' 175th anniversary in Canada. AFL was proud to be part of that gathering and to provide some refreshments to those in attendance as we paid tribute to the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary for an incredible legacy of leadership in Catholic education.



The Loretto Sisters were instrumental in founding many TCDSB schools, and their members remain active in some TCDSB school communities today, including two schools that bear the name of the order, and one that is named after its founder.



Under the leadership of Sr Evanne Hunter, the Sisters also collaborated with AFL to create the Loretto Fund for Newcomers, which supports students newly arrived from Ukraine and elsewhere in search of a new home free from conflict, persecution and extreme poverty.

We are truly grateful for their leadership and involvement, and we thank them for continuing to be Angels Among Us and helping students soar.



## A-Team Believe Initiative Brings Student Passion Projects to Life

The Angel Foundation for Learning and TCDSB Focus on Youth worked in partnership to bring the A-Team Believe initiative to life. Under the leadership of Mike Consul and former Canadian Olympian Sarah Wells, the project was open to all secondary students who are eager to build their leadership, entrepreneurship, confidence, and resilience skills.

Seven schools registered to participate in this program which invited them to form a local A-Team and decide on an issue or initiative that they were passionate about, and to brainstorm a project/plan to address that need in their school community.

Three virtual sessions led by Sarah Wells were held in late April and early May focusing on developing some important leadership skills, including setting goals, developing timelines and redefining success. On May 15th, the seven teams were invited to an in person pitch day to present their project or initiative.

Congratulations to all the A-Teams for coming up with amazing Passion Projects in response to the challenges they have experienced during the pandemic:

- Chaminade—Brotherhood 2.0 (improving access to grade 9 orientation and retreat)
- Madonna—Madonna Monthly (monthly events focusing on areas of student interest)
- Notre Dame—Student Lounge (creating a safe and comfortable space for students to study)
- St Basil the Great—Tech Night (helping students develop important real world skills focusing on technology)
- St Joan of Arc—We Belong (focusing on inclusion, acceptance and diversity—a multicultural event)
- St John Paul II—Entrepreneurship Project (to provide students with opportunities to learn from entrepreneur mentors and provide opportunities for student entrepreneurs to participate in an in person market as well as online marketplace)
- St Mother Teresa—Seeds of Friendship and Change (to expand the range of extracurricular events/clubs available to students and rebuild a sense of community)

All seven teams received \$500 to ensure that they would have some seed money to support their projects, and three of the projects were singled out by a panel to receive additional funding of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500.

The creativity and diversity of the projects that were presented made it very difficult for the panel to come up with the top three projects, and the decision was made based on the needs that were presented, the quality of the presentation themselves and the sustainability of the initiatives.

The winning projects were:

- Notre Dame—1st place
- St Mother Teresa—2nd place
- St Basil the Great—3rd place

Our hope is that all seven schools who have initiated A-Teams will proceed with the projects they presented, and stay in touch with the Angel Foundation for Learning so that we can see their progress, and provide any support that we can to ensure their success. We also hope that these A-Teams will continue next year as an opportunity for students to further develop their leadership skills, explore opportunities to address any concerns that their fellow students have, and look for ways to give back to their community through acts of philanthropy and kindness. Learn more: <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/join-the-a-team/>





## Having Fun, Doing Good and Raising Money



St John Paul II was the first school to join the A-Team movement. Wearing their new A-Team shirts sponsored by [Johnson Insurance](#), this group made lunches and delivered them to the homeless in downtown Toronto this spring.



The amazing volunteers at St Raphael Catholic School initiated a grilled cheese lunch fundraiser in May to support the school's Student Nutrition Program. The SNP Angels--Lisa, Priscilla, Genites, Josie, Maria, Emnie and Mary--did a fabulous job preparing 170 + sandwiches in advance, filling fruit cups, and distributing the tasty and healthy treats to classrooms. Families who were able, were invited to donate \$7 per student for this special lunch, which helped the school raise \$1240 for the Snack Program.



Thank you so much to the Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers for their generous donation to the #afl Loretto Fund for Newcomers. The \$4,500 donation was given to the three TCDSB Ukrainian schools - St. Demetrius, Josyf Cardinal Slipyj and St. Josaphat - \$1500 each. AFL thanks TECT for their continued support and for being #angelsamongus as we work to create a brighter future for the students of Toronto.



Thank you to The Holy Trinity (left) for their amazing innovative fundraising Caine's Arcade to benefit AFL. Their students, staff and families brought in more than \$1,800 with this unique and creative activity that provides an amazing learning opportunity for students while also engaging them in some good old fashioned fun. Our thanks also to St Bonaventure's grade 2 class (right) who created their own hard cover story book. Proceeds from the sale of the books will help to support the school's Student Nutrition Program.

## Recent Promotions

- Thanks to all who participated in our annual **May the 4th Be With You** Fundraiser. To date, a total of more than \$13,000 was donated to AFL from the civvies day by TCDSB school communities as well as individual donors.
- The **Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team** held a raffle and silent auction during their year-end general assembly. Thanks to the amazing student leaders for helping to raise almost \$350 to support AFL.
- New this year, both the **Toronto Marlies and Raptors905** provided special promo codes, which provided discounted tickets for several home games during the 2023 season, with a percentage of the sales being donated to AFL. Thank you to these sports clubs for helping to raise close to \$500 to support the Foundation.
- Through these activities, as well as initiatives such as flash auctions, local school fundraisers, ticket sales for raffles and our Charity Golf Day we raised more than \$156,000. We thank all who made donations, purchased tickets or participated in the online and flash auctions for helping us to respond to the growing needs of students across the TCDSB. Our spring raffle set new records, with one lucky winner taking home a prize of just over \$30,000. We also acknowledge the many corporate donors/sponsors who donated items for the **year-end online auction** which brought in a record breaking total of \$5,265.



## It's Finally Back!

Come Celebrate Winter and the Christmas Season at the 2023 Angel Foundation for Learning Snow Ball Gala:  
An Evening to Feed Dreams

We know you've missed it.

And we have certainly missed all of you.

Let's get together for an evening of great food and entertainment with friends, colleagues and our many corporate supporters, all to benefit TCDSB students. This year at a new venue—Chateau Le Jardin.

Limited tickets available. [Order online](#)

Early Bird pricing \$150 through to Thanksgiving (October 9th) with a chance to win some great prizes.

*(\$30 of your ticket price is a charitable donation for which you will receive a tax receipt)*



## Thank You to All the Angels Among Us

We are grateful to the countless donors and supporters who enable The Angel Foundation to help so many students and families each year. We could not do all that we do without your continued participation and generosity.

We encourage you to visit our [website](#) to see all the corporate sponsors and donors who help us raise funds through donations in kind, through special events and through their sponsorship of our Charity Golf Day and other initiatives throughout the year.

Our heartfelt appreciation also goes out to the **Basilian Fathers** who are providing \$4,000 to the Foundation to support the Student Equity Fund for Post-Secondary Education (also known as The Peggy Project), which subsidizes the cost of application fees to Ontario colleges and universities for students who are experiencing financial hardships.



Congratulations to the Toronto Marlies for winning TCDSB's Friends of Catholic Education Award. Receiving the award were MLSE's Alex Iwanicki and Marc Lira. AFL was proud to nominate them for the award in recognition of all the support that they provide to the Foundation and to TCDSB students.



CUPE Local 4400 made a special donation this spring to help newcomers at St Josaphat Catholic School.

## Current AFL Board Member Terms of Office

### BYLAW – AFL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

#### 10.01 Members

Membership in the Corporation shall consist of the following persons admitted to such membership by the Board and such other persons interested in furthering the Corporation's purposes and who have been accepted into membership in the Corporation by resolution of the Board:

- a) Two (2) TCDSB trustees approved by TCDSB;
- b) One (1) current member of, and approved by the Superintendents Association of the TCDSB;
- c) One (1) current member of, and approved by the Toronto Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals Association (TCVPA);
- d) One (1) current member of, and approved by the Secondary Schools Principals Association;
- e) One (1) current member of, and approved by the TCDSB elementary teachers unit of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA);
- f) One (1) current member of, and approved by the TCDSB secondary teachers unit of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association;
- g) one (1) person employed in, and approved by the Social Work Department of the TCDSB;
- h) One (1) current member of, and approved by the Association of Professional Student Service Personnel;
- i) One (1) current person to represent unionized employees of the TCDSB (other than those noted above);
- j) One (1) current person to represent non-unionized employees of the TCDSB as approved by Management, Administrative and Professional Association (MAPA);
- k) One (1) person who is a member of a local Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC), or OAPCE-Toronto, or CPIC, approved by CPIC;**
- l) Three (3) student representatives: two (2) student trustees of, and approved by TCDSB. plus, one (1) CSLIT appointed representative.  
Note: These are non-voting positions; and
- m) Up to eight (8) community volunteer members who are interested in furthering the objectives of the Corporation and whose membership is approved by the Board.

AFL Board Member Name	Current Member Affiliation	AFL Service Start Date	Recommended Max Term Completion	New AFL Bylaw #	Additional notes for AFL Board membership
<b>1. Nancy Murdocca **</b>  **Executive Committee Member	(Chair) Community Member	Circa Sept 2008 as a Director. Latest term as Chair circa from Sept. 2014	<b>November 2022 (EXT)</b>	<b>10.01 (m)</b>	Up to eight (8) community volunteer members who are interested in furthering the objectives of the Corporation and whose membership is approved by the Board.
<b>2. Mary-Eileen Donovan **</b>  **Executive Committee Member	(Interim Honorary Treasurer) Community Member	First term in Jan. 2004. Latest term start date Sept. 2016	<b>November 2022 (EXT)</b>	<b>10.01 (m)</b>	Up to eight (8) community volunteer members who are interested in furthering the objectives of the Corporation and whose membership is approved by the Board.

<b>3. Carmela Giardini **</b>  **Executive Committee Member	Community Member	First term as TCDSB Boar rep from Oct. 2009.  Latest term start date Sept. 2015.	<b>November 2022 (EXT)</b>	<b>10.01 (m)</b>	Up to eight (8) community volunteer members who are interested in furthering the objectives of the Corporation and whose membership is approved by the Board
<b>4. Odette Fernandes **</b>  **Executive Committee Member	TCDSB Social Work Department	Sept. 2014	<b>November 2022</b> (or until change designated by membership organization)	<b>10.01 (g)</b>	Employed in, and approved by the Social Work Department of the TCDSB
<b>5. Shawna Campbell **</b>  **Executive Committee Member	TCDSB Superintendents	Aug. 1, 2020	<b>November 2026</b> (or until change designated by membership organization)	<b>10.01 (b)</b>	Current member of, and approved by the Superintendents Association of the TCDSB;
<b>6. Liz Gabbott</b>	Community Member	Jan, 1994	<b>November 2021 (EXT)</b>	<b>10.01 (m)</b>	Up to eight (8) community volunteer members who are interested in furthering the objectives of the Corporation and whose membership is approved by the Board.
<b>7. Kevin Morrison</b>	Elected TCDSB Trustee	Dec. 14, 2022	<b>November 2028*</b> Subject to Municipal Re-election Oct 2026	<b>10.01 (a)</b>	Appointed by vote of TCDSB Board of Trustees at Annual November Caucus Meeting.
<b>8. Markus De Domenico</b>	Elected TCDSB Trustee	Dec 1, 2020	<b>November 2026*</b> Subject to Municipal re-election Oct 2026	<b>10.01 (a)</b>	Appointed by vote TCDSB Board of Trustees at Annual November Caucus Meeting.



<b>9. A) Rita Leon</b>	Toronto Catholic Secondary School Principals Assoc. (TCSSPA) Co-member	Sept 1, 2022	<b>November 2028</b> (or until change designated by membership organization)	<b>10.01 (d)</b>	Currently co-sharing 1 seat as member of, and approved by the Secondary Schools Principals Association.
<b>B) Jose Flores</b>	Toronto Catholic Secondary School Principals Assoc. (TCSSPA) Co-member	Sept 1, 2022	<b>November 2028</b> (or until change designated by membership organization)	<b>10.01 (d)</b>	Currently co-sharing 1 seat as member of, and approved by the Secondary Schools Principals Association.
<b>10. A) Caroline D’Souza</b>	Toronto Catholic Principals and Vice Principals Assoc. (TCPVA) Co-member	Jan, 2019	<b>November 2025</b> (or until change designated by membership organization)	<b>10.01 (c)</b>	Currently co-sharing 1 seat as member of, and approved by the Toronto Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals Association (TCVPA)
<b>B) Toni Pucci</b>	Toronto Catholic Principals and Vice Principals Assoc. (TCPVA) Co-member	Sept, 2018	<b>November 2024</b> (or until change designated by membership organization)	<b>10.01 (c)</b>	Currently co-sharing 1 seat as member of, and approved by the Toronto Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals Association (TCVPA)
<b>11. Gabriella Zazzarino</b>	Association of Professional Student Services Personnel (APSSP) – TCDSB Chapter	September 2021	<b>November 2027</b> (or until change designated by membership organization)	<b>10.01 (h)</b>	Current member of, and approved by the Association of Professional Student Service Personnel
<b>12. Jeanine Amaral</b>	CUPE 1328	Oct. 1, 2020	<b>November 2026</b> (or until change designated by membership organization)	<b>10.01 (i)</b>	Current person to represent unionized employees of the TCDSB (other than those noted)

<b>13. Raffi Guluyan</b>	TCDSB Management, Administrative and Professional Association (MAPA)	Circa Nov, 2017	<b>November 2023</b> (or until change designated by membership organization)	<b>10.01 (j)</b>	Represents non-unionized employees of the TCDSB as approved by Management, Administrative and Professional Association (MAPA);C
<b>14. Gabriella Figliano</b>	Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers (TECT)	Sept. 2018	<b>November 2024</b> (or until change designated by membership organization)	<b>10.01 (e)</b>	Member of, and approved by the TCDSB elementary teachers unit of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA);
<b>15. Vacant TSU Rep</b>	Toronto Secondary Unit (TSU)	AGM Dec 2022	New appointment needed to serve to Nov. 2027	<b>10.01 (f)</b>	Current member of, and approved by the TCDSB secondary teachers unit of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association
<b>16. Vacant CSPC/OAPCE/CPIC</b>	New Vacant	AGM Dec 2022	New needed Appointment to serve Nov. 2027	<b>10.01 (k)</b>	Member of a local Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC), or OAPCE-Toronto and <b>approved by CPIC</b>
<b>17. Roy Abboud</b>	Elected CSLIT-AFL Charity Director	Sept 1, 2022	June 30, 2022	<b>10.01 (l)</b>	Appointed by CSLIT student leaders election process oversight by TCDSB staff Azniv Jorge
<b>18. Neslihan Apacik</b>	Elected CSLIT-AFL Charity Director	Sept. 1, 2022	June 30, 2022	<b>10.01 (l)</b>	Appointed by CSLIT student leaders election process oversight by TCDSB staff Azniv Jorge
<b>19. David Beshai</b>	Elected TCDSB Student Trustee	Sept. 1, 2022	June 30, 2024	<b>10.01 (l)</b>	Gr. 11 student elected to 2-year term (alternating years) by TCDSB students each year to ensure overlap continuity
<b>20. Stephanie De Castro</b>	Elected TCDSB Student Trustee	Sept. 1, 2021	June 30, 2023	<b>10.01 (l)</b>	Gr. 11 student elected to 2-year term (alternating years) by TCDSB students each year to ensure overlap continuity



**REVISED:** September 4, 2023

## **Board of Directors –Profile**

### **Number of Directors**

The Board of Directors of the Angel Foundation for Learning currently consists of 12 elected or appointed members from internal Toronto Catholic District School Board affiliated organizations, 3 non-voting student representatives, and up to 8 Community Members for a total of 23 Directors.

### **Terms and Term Limits**

The elected Directors are elected for a three-year term with a limit of two (2) consecutive terms an individual is eligible to serve; however, the normal expectation is that Directors will serve for two three-year terms. It is expected that there may be cases of extenuating circumstances in which the Board will recommend service beyond two three-year terms (in increments of one, two or three year term extensions) for a variety of reasons including, without limitation, special contributions to the Board, preservation of institutional knowledge, or continuity of service on projects or committees.

### **Diversity of Directors**

The goal is to find new members that possess the variety of skills relevant to supporting the activities of the AFL. Our website provides comprehensive overview of the Foundation's programs at: [www.angelfoundationforlearning.org](http://www.angelfoundationforlearning.org)

The Angel Foundation is funded by provincial government, public and private organizations, and therefore is committed to regulations outlined in the Ontario Human Rights Code. We continue to foster and support equity, diversity and inclusion in fulfilling our mandate. This includes achieving a Board membership that reflects the broadest range of qualifications, skills, experiences, and cultural perspectives of those who work, live and play in the City of Toronto. Consequently, applications are welcome and encouraged from candidates who self-identify as visible minorities, persons with disabilities, aboriginal peoples and women.

AFL employees and currently active TCDSB staff members are not eligible to apply for Community Member Directors positions.

### **Target Board Profile**

The following is an articulation of a target Community Member profile for the AFL intended as a tool to assist the Nominating Committee in its deliberations and selection of nominees for election to the Board.

The Directors should comprise a range of ages and the elected members should be represented equally by gender.

We strive to have the qualifications or humanistic skills working in the professions listed below (in no specific order) represented, but not overrepresented, on the Board. Our ultimate objective is for the Directors as a group, to reflect a variety of professional, cultural, socio-economic, religious and ethnic backgrounds to ensure diverse perspectives are brought to Board discussions. It is expected that prospective Directors agree with the AFL's mission, vision, philosophy and values. Potential candidates should be from, but not limited to, the following occupational groups:

- Professional educator at the pre-university level
- Professional educator at the university level
- Marketing/public relations
- Senior member of the clergy
- Information technology
- Financial management services or accounting
- Canadian law
- Health professional
- Business management
- Independent business-owner or entrepreneur
- Fundraising and/or charitable organization management
- Artistic/creative activities

### **2023-24 AFL Board Meeting Dates**

The Angel Foundation traditionally holds a maximum of 8 Board meetings aligned with the academic year set out by the Ontario Ministry of Education. The AFL Board of Directors approved the 2023-24 schedule at its June 14, 2023 meeting.

During the past 24 months, an attempt has been made to continue a fixed meeting schedule standardized on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wednesday of each month (when possible) rather than the 4<sup>th</sup> week (pre-COVID) to minimize conflict with other TCDSB meetings.

All start times are 4:00. Until further notice, all meetings are held virtually via ZOOM. When circumstances permit (subject to room availability in the TCDSB's CEC offices) a HYBRID model will be offered to accommodate special occasions and gatherings as noted.

### **2023-2024 AFL Board Meeting Dates:**

- Wed. Sept 20/23
- Wed. Oct. 18/23
- Wed. Nov. 22/23
- Wed. Dec 13/23 \* Christmas Celebration Hybrid
- Wed. Feb. 21/24
- Wed. Apr. 17/24
- Wed. May 15/24
- Wed. June 19/24 \*Year End Celebration Hybrid\*

Note: The AFL normally does not schedule a Board meeting in March due to the timing of the March Break.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

*Established in 1987 as the Metropolitan Toronto Catholic Education Foundation (MTCEF), the Angel Foundation for Learning was incorporated in 2007 with the support of the Trustees of the Toronto Catholic District School Board. As the official charity of the TCDSB, our mandate is to empower students so they can focus on their education. Through our Wings of Support: Student Nutrition Programs; School Allocations; Student Equity/Guardian Angel Funds; and Bursaries and Awards, the Foundation strives to ensure students are able to participate fully in all aspects of school life regardless of financial challenges.*

*Upon submission of this form, you are expressing agreement with the Foundation's mission and vision noted above.*

*For additional information, please contact the AFL Executive Director John Yan at [John.Yan@tcdsb.org](mailto:John.Yan@tcdsb.org) or directly at 416-200-4332 (mobile) or 416-222-8282 ext. 2195.*

The Angel Foundation is seeking one (1) Board member to represent TCDSB parents on its Board of Directors. The candidate must be able to demonstrate interest in helping guide the organization's mission, and is selected and approved by CPIC. He/she should be a current member of a CSPC in the TCDSB, and committed to helping the AFL foster and support equity, diversity and inclusion in fulfilling its mandate. This includes achieving a membership that reflects the broadest range of qualifications, skills, experiences, and cultural perspectives of those who work, live and play in the City of Toronto. Applications are welcome and encouraged from candidates who self-identify as visible minorities, persons with disabilities, aboriginal peoples and women.

**PLEASE SEE THE INFORMATION PAGE REGARDING THIS PARENT COMMUNITY MEMBER POSITION**

### General Information:

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Occupation</b>	

1. Describe how you think you can contribute to the Angel Foundation for Learning's mission and vision.

2. Briefly outline your interest and passion for wishing to serve on the AFL Board of Directors.

3. List skills/attributes, professional experience and/or personal background/history that you believe will help you contribute to the AFL's work

4. Tell us about any education/training that might be relevant in providing advice and strategies to the AFL Board as a Director.

5. Describe any work or community experience relevant to being a Director of the Board (including role and timeframe).

6. Do you have any personal and/or professional relationships that you believe may place you in a Conflict of Interest in regard to being a member of the Angel Foundation for Learning Board of Directors? If, yes please provide details.

7. Do you currently belong to any TCDSB parent/volunteer organization:

☐ CSPPC ☐ CPIC ☐ Toronto OAPCE ☐ Other (name below) ☐ None

Name:

8. Have you been selected, served or volunteered on an AFL, or TCDSB Committee within the past 2 years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee (s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Aboriginal and Indigenous Peoples are those who identify as members of the First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis communities in Canada.

Based on this description, do you consider yourself to be an Aboriginal/Indigenous person?

☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Please complete only if you wish to self-identify as a member of an ethnic/racial groups. Which of the following best describes your ethnicity or race:

- ☐ Black (e.g. African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent)
- ☐ East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Taiwanese descent)
- ☐ Latino(a) (e.g. Latin American, Hispanic descent)
- ☐ Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g. Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.)
- ☐ South Asian (South Asian descent, e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Caribbean, etc.)
- ☐ Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian, other Southeast Asian descent)
- ☐ White (e.g. European descent)
- ☐ Not listed above \_\_\_\_\_

11. Provide any additional comments that should be considered in your application to be the parent community member representative on the AFL Board of Directors.

12. Please add a short biography (maximum of 150 words) or attach a recent CV that contains the following:

- Your name
- Your Current title, Company, or personal brand statement
- Education (alumni/alma mater)
- Your personal and professional goals
- A relevant achievement or accomplishment
- Your hobbies/interests
- Your skills and areas of expertise

The application deadline is **October 1, 2023**.

**Completed Applications may be submitted by email to [cpic.chair@tcdsb.org](mailto:cpic.chair@tcdsb.org)**





## REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL  
BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND  
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

## SCHOOL MESSENGER COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

“It’s no good, it’s no good!” says the buyer – then goes off and boasts about the purchase. Proverbs 20:14

## Drafted

April 25, 2023

## Meeting Date

May 30, 2023

D. De Souza, Senior Coordinator, ICT-Student Records &amp; Reporting

M. Sequeira, Coordinator, Parent Engagement (CSPC, CPIC) &amp; Inter. Lang.

R. Peterson, Superintendent of Education

O. Malik, Acting. Exec SO, Tech, Data &amp; Strategic Transformation &amp; CIO

### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Vision:** *IN GOD’S IMAGE: Growing in  
Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.*

**Mission:** *Nurturing the faith development and academic  
excellence of our Catholic learning community through the  
love of God, neighbour, and self.*



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN  
2022 - 2025

IN GOD’S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope



Brendan Browne  
Director of Education

Adrian Della Mora  
Associate Director of Academic Affairs  
and Chief Operating Officer

Derek Boyce  
Associate Director of Corporate  
Services and Chief Commercial Officer

Ryan Putnam  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

## **A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. School Messenger Communication Workflow from the CSPC Chair/Co-chair or Secretary through the principal will continue as an e-mail process.
2. CSPC's will notify the school Principal in writing of their intent at least 1 week prior to the message being sent out allowing the principal to respond within 48 hours to the intent.
3. CSPC must include CSPC signatures, their full name and title, for CSPC messages in compliance to all relevant school board policies and procedures and share a draft message with the school principal /(designate) for review and feedback seventy-two (72) hours prior to the requested distribution date of the message to families and parents.
4. CSPC's should incorporate the feedback, if applicable, or if conflict around the content cannot be agreed to then the School Superintendent of Education will make the final decision; at which time the school principal will distribute the message to families and parents using SchoolMessenger.

## **B. PURPOSE**

To provide a clear process and to identify best practices for Catholic School Parent Councils (CSPC) to communicate to families and parents through TCDSB's online School Messenger platform, by standardizing the process for communication to increase engagement by the CPSC's within the Toronto catholic school community.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

At the December 2022 board meeting the direction given to Staff was: That the existing practice of having principals send out Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) messages via School Messenger remain in place and that staff implement a written protocol, in alignment with policy S.10 Catholic School Parent Councils, that ensures CSPCs are able to send messages to parents via the principal in a consistent manner at all schools.

## **D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

In alignment with policy S.10 under:

26. All communications from CSPC intended for distribution to all parents of children in the school, will be approved by the principal prior to the communication being sent to the intended recipients.

- i) All communications will be made available if/as required in the predominant language(s) spoken in the community.
- ii) The principal shall provide an opportunity for inclusion of parent council communications in the school newsletter and/or email updates from the school.

## **E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Trustees approve the recommended School Messenger protocol listed in Appendix A.