

OUR MISSION

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

OUR VISION

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION**

HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

PRESENT:

Trustees:

N. Crawford – Chair
M. de Domenico, Vice Chair
F. D’Amico
M. Del Grande
D. Di Giorgio
A. Kennedy
I. Li Preti - Virtual
T. Lubinski
J. Martino
K. Morrison - Virtual
M. Rizzo
G. Tanuan – Virtual and In Person

Student Trustees:

D. Beshai
J. Goodluck

Staff:

B. Browne
D. Boyce
A. Della Mora
R. Putnam
S. Campbell
A. Ceddia

L. Coulter
C. Fernandes
M. Damad
P. Aguiar
A. Bria
M. Caccamo
F. Cifelli
R. D'Addario
G. Danfulani
L. DiMarco
K. Dixon
R. Fernandes
M. Loberto
M. Meehan
R. Peterson
R. Walo
S. Vlahos
M. Zlomislic

S. Harris, Recording Secretary

S. Hinds-Barnett, Assistant Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Trustee de Domenico rose on a point of privilege, on behalf of the Board, to express condolences on the sudden passing of a 15-year old student of Michael Power - St. Joseph High School. Dr. Director Browne also spoke on behalf of Staff.

6. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum; Item 8b) Notice of Motion from Trustee Rizzo regarding Air Conditioning in Schools; removal of Consideration of Motions from Trustee Lubinski regarding Items 13b) Encouraging Pastors to

Participate in Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Activities; and 13c) Encouraging Greater Participation in Catholic School Parent Councils (CSPCs); and the reordering of Item 11) Presentations after Item 7) Reports from PRIVATE Session, be approved.

Trustee Di Giorgio left the horseshoe at 7:37 pm.

Trustee Morrison joined the virtual room at 7:36 pm.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

7. Reports from Private Session

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the following report from Trustee de Domenico be received:

In TRIPLE PRIVATE Session:

- a) Discussed a Human Resources matter; and
- b) Approved Minutes of the previous Meeting held May 16, 2024.

Trustee Li Preti joined the virtual room at 7:38 pm.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee Di Giorgio returned to the horseshoe at 7:42 p.m.

11. Presentations

The Chair declared that Items 11d) and 11e) below would be the next order of business.

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that Item 11d) be adopted as follows:

- 11d) **50 Years of Service - N. Crawford, Chair of the Board and Trustee Ward 12, B. Browne, Director of Education, L. Coulter, Executive of Human Resources, Leadership and Equity** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 11e) be adopted as follows:

- 11e) **Farewell to Outgoing Student Trustee David Beshai** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that Item 11a) be adopted as follows:

- 11a) **From the Chair of the Board** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 11b) be adopted as follows:

- 11b) From the Director of Education received.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Item 11c) be adopted as follows:

- 11c) From the Student Trustee(s) received.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

8. Notices of Motion

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that Item 8a) be adopted as follows:

- 8a) From Trustee de Domenico regarding Excessive Heat and Humidity in Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) School Buildings that**

By-law 175, Article 10.8, 30-day notice period be waived and that the Notice of Motion be considered at tonight's meeting (Refer Item 13d).

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

Martino

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Student Trustee Goodluck left the horseshoe at 8:24 pm and returned at 8:28 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 8b) be adopted as follows:

- 8b) From Trustee Rizzo regarding Air Conditioning in Schools** that By-law 175, Article 10.8, 30-day notice period be waived and that the Notice of Motion be considered at tonight's meeting (Refer Item 13e).

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Kennedy
Li Preti
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

Opposed

Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Lubinski
Martino

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee D'Amico left the horseshoe at 8:33 pm.

Trustee Lubinski rose on a point of privilege to recognize Mary Jane Marco, award recipient, for her contributions and 50 years of dedicated service to the TCDSB.

9. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

10. Approval and Signing of Minutes of the Previous Meetings

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that Items 10b) and 10c) be adopted as follows:

10b) Special Board (Corporate Services) Held May 9, 2024 approved; and

10c) Regular Board Held May 16, 2024 approved

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Trustee D'Amico joined the virtual room at 8:49 pm.

12. Delegations

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

12a) From Sara Concordia, representative of St. Gregory Catholic School Parent Council, regarding St. Gregory Catholic School Air Quality in the Classroom received and referred to Staff.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED by Trustee Lubinski, seconded by Trustee de Domenico, that Item 12b) be adopted as follows:

- 12b) From Denise Bebenek, representative of The Meagan Bebenek Foundation, regarding Proclamation of an Annual School HUG (Hope, Understanding, Gratitude) Day on every Friday before Mother's Day Weekend received.**

Trustee D'Amico disconnected from the virtual room and rejoined the horseshoe at 8:55 pm.

Trustee Tanuan disconnected from the virtual room and joined the horseshoe at 8:56 pm.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

13. Consideration of Motions For Which Previous Notice Has Been Given

MOVED by Trustee Lubinski, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

13a) From Trustee Lubinski regarding Proclamation of an Annual School HUG (Hope, Understanding, Gratitude) Day on the Friday before Mother's Day Weekend:

WHEREAS: Meagan Bebenek was a student at the TCDSB, attending kindergarten at Our Lady of Sorrows school in Etobicoke-Lakeshore when she passed away at the age of five from a malignant and inoperable brain tumour and whose classmates are now involved with the Foundation in a volunteer capacity; and

WHEREAS: Many TCDSB schools already participate in Meagan's HUG over the years; and

WHEREAS: The TCDSB is committed to fostering compassionate learning environment that supports the well-being of all students; and

WHEREAS: Meagan Bebenek Foundation is dedicated to promoting hope, understanding, gratitude, and support among young people through its Kids Helping Kids Program; and

WHEREAS: The principles advocated by Meagan Bebenek Foundation align closely with the values and objectives of the TCDSB.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The TCDSB hereby establishes an Annual School HUG Day on the Friday before Mother's Day beginning May 2025 and every year thereafter, in recognition of the Meagan Bebenek

Foundation and the principles it instills as part of the Kids Helping Kids Program;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: On School HUG Day, all schools within the TCDSB shall participate in activities aimed at promoting hope, understanding, gratitude, and support among students, staff, and the wider community; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Meagan Bebenek Foundation shall be invited to collaborate with the TCDSB in organizing an Annual School HUG Day activities and providing educational materials on the importance of hope, understanding, gratitude, and support to raise awareness and critical funds for further research into paediatric brain tumour.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Tanuan

Opposed

Del Grande
Li Preti
Morrison
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

The Chair declared a 15-minute recess.

The meeting resumed with Trustee Crawford in the Chair.

PRESENT: (Following Recess)

Trustees: N. Crawford – Chair
M. de Domenico, Vice Chair
F. D’Amico – In Person and Virtual
M. Del Grande
D. Di Giorgio
A. Kennedy
T. Lubinski
J. Martino
K. Morrison - Virtual
M. Rizzo
G. Tanuan

Student Trustees: D. Beshai
J. Goodluck

13. Consideration of Motions For Which Previous Notice Has Been Given

Trustee D’Amico left the horseshoe at 9:33 pm and joined the virtual room.

13b) From Trustee Lubinski regarding Encouraging Pastors to Participate in Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Activities) at the consent of the Assembly, Trustee Lubinski withdrew this Item, as earlier indicated.

13c) From Trustee Lubinski regarding Encouraging Greater Participation in Catholic School Parent Councils (CSPCs) at the consent of the Assembly, Trustee Lubinski withdrew this Item, as earlier indicated.

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that Item 13d) be adopted as follows:

13d) From Trustee de Domenico regarding Excessive Heat and Humidity in Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) School Buildings:

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees is committed to a safe and healthy environment for students and for Staff in our schools;

WHEREAS: Global warming is having a severe effect on the interior temperatures in our schools especially those with second and third floors;

WHEREAS: The TCDSB has installed cooling centres to provide temporary reprieve from the excessive heat and is now conducting a pilot project installing outdoor misting stations. These measures, while providing temporarily relief, are in fact only relatively inexpensive measures that provide a very short time of relief;

WHEREAS: The TCDSB relies exclusively on funding from the Ministry of Education to maintain and update our school buildings and that the Ministry does not directly fund retrofitting schools with AC;

WHEREAS: Trustees receive many complaints and concerns from parents in the months of May, June, September and October that school classrooms are experiencing high temperatures that reach and at times exceed 30 degrees Celsius, and that is not accounting for the accompanying high humidity levels which exacerbates the problem; and

WHEREAS: Students have great difficulty learning in a classroom that is overheated and uncomfortable. The heat in classrooms does not make for a healthy learning or working environment for students and Staff; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board use current data available to begin a fulsome and detailed analysis of the classroom conditions across the Board regarding excessive heat and report back to the Board of Trustees their findings, their recommendations, both immediate and long term, to make our buildings safer and how we can alleviate the excessive heat. This report should include a breakdown of the buildings that have more than one floor and unless these buildings have AC, that the staff give these buildings priority for remediation.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee de Domenico:

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Staff report on the feasibility of installing air conditioning at St. Gregory's Catholic School.

Time for business expired.

The Chair put the question, "Is it the will of the meeting to extend debate for a further 15 minutes?"

Results of the Vote taken on Extension, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees D'Amico
de Domenico
Kennedy
Lubinski
Morrison
Tanuan

Opposed

Crawford
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Martino
Rizzo

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in opposition.

The debate was extended by 15 minutes as per Article 12.6 of the TCDSB's By-law.

Results of the Vote taken on the AMENDMENT, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande

Opposed

Martino
Tanuan

Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Lubinski
Morrison
Rizzo

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Results of the Vote taken on the Motion, as amended, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee de Domenico, that Item 13e) be adopted as follows:

13e) From Trustee Rizzo regarding Air Conditioning in Schools:

WHEREAS: TCDSB has raised the issues of air conditioning on multiple occasions:

- In 2015, TCDSB requested Staff to provide reports regarding full air conditioning vs other forms of cooling at Elementary and Secondary schools without air conditioning;
- Board adopted air conditioning be included when costing new school construction with comparative figures for DV and AC; and
- In 2016 Staff were requested to:
 - a) Increase insulation on all west and south facing walls in buildings;
 - b) Increase insulation on all west and south facing walls in buildings;
 - c) Operable windows should have beyond the 100 mm (10 cm) openings;
 - d) Install white roofs with solar panels initially to reduce Hydro usage or to run air conditioning;
 - e) Investigate green roofs to include native plants or succulents that do not require frequent watering (desert types); and
 - f) Staff begin collection of day-to-day temperature data in order to prioritize the implementation of passive cooling measures in schools. Priority for data collection and monitoring to be for those schools without air conditioning, air displacement ventilation and a mechanical ventilation system.

- In 2017, the TCDSB began sending letters to all Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and the Minister of Education regarding air conditioning funding;
- Countless inquiries from Trustees regarding air conditioning in schools were brought to the attention of the Board through the years.
- In 2018 the Board approved:
 - 1) A four-year phased implementation plan to add cooling centres at non-air conditioned schools funded from School Renewal; and
 - 2) Portables installed in schools must have air conditioning.

WHEREAS: Staff have tried to mitigate air conditions in schools using various strategies and implemented some Board approved motions;

WHEREAS: Funding for air conditioning is not provided to school Boards by the province and becomes less likely to be funded in the future;

WHEREAS: Proceeds of disposition funds were approved to install air conditioning in two new school buildings when the Ministry refused additional funding for this purpose; and

WHEREAS: Staff cannot teach and children cannot learn in extreme hot conditions in schools and lack of air conditioning allows a health crisis to fester;

WHEREAS: Studies show that schools without air conditioning, every 1 degree increase in temperature reduces learning over a school year by 2 percent; and

WHEREAS: As the planet continues to warm, we do see a significant increase in extreme weather events and due to these climate change effects, winters continue to shorten, and schools are dealing with a higher proportion of months with warmer weather.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Two pilot schools be chosen to install air conditioning;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Funds be provided from Proceeds of Disposition; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Staff evaluate the efficacy of installing air conditioning in older school structures and report to Board following installation of the pilot.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Di Giorgio
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

14. Consent and Review

The Chair reviewed the Order Page and the following Item was held:

- 20h) From the Governance and Policy Committee: Work Plan to Develop Human Rights Policy – Trustee Del Grande.

Trustee de Domenico left the horseshoe at 10:23 pm.

Trustee Di Giorgio left the meeting at 10:24 pm.

Trustee de Domenico returned at 10:25 p.m.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that all Items be received and Staff Recommendations be approved.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
De Domenico
Del Grande
Kennedy
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee D'Amico did not vote/respond.

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

ITEMS NOT HELD AS CAPTURED IN ABOVE MOTION

- 19a) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Days of Recognition;**
- 20a) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Code of Conduct Policy** that the revised Code of Conduct Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix C (clean), and revised TCDSB Code of Conduct Policy Guideline (Appendix B) of the report, be approved;
- 20b) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Device Use Policy** that the proposed Device Use Policy provided in Appendix A of the report, be approved;
- 20c) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Acceptable Use of Technology Policy** that the revised Acceptable Use of Technology Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix B (clean) of the report, be approved;
- 20d) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Hand-Held Mobile Wireless Communication Device Policy** that the revised Hand-Held Mobile Wireless Communication Device Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix B (clean) of the report, be approved;
- 20e) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Progressive Discipline Policy** that the revised Progressive Discipline Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix B (clean) of the report, be approved;
- 20f) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Alcohol, Cannabis and Other Drugs Policy** that the revised Alcohol, Cannabis and Other Drugs Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix B (clean) of the report, be approved;
- 20g) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Smoke and Vapour Free Space Policy** that the revised Smoke and Vapour Free Space Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix B (clean) of the report, be approved;

Listing of Communications:

- 22a) **From the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held April 15, 2024;**
- 22b) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held May 7, 2024;**
- 22c) **From the Special Education Advisory Committee: Approved Minutes of Meeting Held May 8, 2024;**
- 22d) **From John Del Grande, Chair of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC), regarding Policies Recommended by the Governance and Policy Committee;**
- 24a) **Master Pending List and Rolling Calendar; and**
- 24b) **Annual Report**

20. Reports of Officials Requiring Action of the Board of Trustees

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that Item 20h) be adopted as follows:

- 20h) **From the Governance and Policy Committee: Work Plan to Develop Human Rights Policy** that the Item be deferred to the September 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting; and

That the meeting resolve into PRIVATE Session to complete urgent Items.

Trustee Martino requested that the Question be split.

Results of the Vote taken on Deferral, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico

Opposed

de Domenico
Kennedy

Del Grande
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Deferral Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in opposition and in favour respectively.

Trustee Kennedy left the horseshoe at 10:33 pm.

Results of the Vote taken on Resolving into PRIVATE Session, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

PRESENT: (Following PRIVATE Session)

Trustees: N. Crawford – Chair
M. de Domenico, Vice Chair
F. D’Amico - Virtual
M. Del Grande
A. Kennedy
I. Li Preti - Virtual
T. Lubinski
J. Martino
K. Morrison - Virtual
M. Rizzo
G. Tanuan

7. Reports from Private Session

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that the following report from Trustee de Domenico be received:

In PRIVATE Session, discussed personnel changes.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D’Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Kennedy
Li Preti

Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Martino, that the meeting resolve into DOUBLE PRIVATE Session to approve Minutes.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Del Grande
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

PRESENT: (Following TRIPLE PRIVATE Session)

Trustees: N. Crawford – Chair
M. de Domenico, Vice Chair
I. Li Preti - Virtual
T. Lubinski
J. Martino
K. Morrison - Virtual
M. Rizzo
G. Tanuan

7. Reports from Private Session

MOVED by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that the following reports from Trustee de Domenico be received:

In DOUBLE PRIVATE Session:

a) Approved Minutes of the previous Meeting held May 16, 2024; and

In TRIPLE PRIVATE Session:

a) Discussed an employment matter;

b) Discussed a legal issue; and

c) Received an Inquiry regarding Legal Bill Communication

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino

Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

26. Adjournment

MOVED by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that the meeting be adjourned.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR