



# **TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

## **DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM FOR STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEES**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL STANDING  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE BEING RECORDED**

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Delegation No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Public Session  
☐ Private Session  
☐ Three (3)  
 Minutes

Name	Helen Dunn
Committee	Regular / Special Board
Date of Presentation	6/14/2018
Topic of Presentation	Changes to International Languages program delivery at St. Brigid elementary school
Topic or Issue	Parent concerns about reduced time to cover Board mandated curriculum as a result of the new shortened day at International Languages schools and Board implemented changes to delivery of International Languages program.
Details	<p>We have been approached by many parents who are concerned about the upcoming changes to our school day. Specifically, concerns largely surround the loss of 2 hours of instructional time to cover the Ministry mandated curriculum. While a school-wide survey we did last year suggested that the overall feeling about the Italian program is positive in a longer day scenario, most parents we have heard from recently (90 of emails/comments sent to us) feel it is not worth sacrificing core instructional time for in a shortened day. These parents feel that the loss of core hours could have long term detrimental effects on our children. Due to the very late notice of these changes, we have not had adequate time to conduct a full school poll to determine exact numbers who are for and against the changes. However, we HAVE voted to go forward to the next step towards a potential Board review of our Italian program, which is to hold a meeting specifically about the program. Should the outcome of that meeting be that our school would like a review, we would like assurance from the Board that this will be expedited. IN the meantime, we would also like to know how the Board will ensure that students at our school and others like ours will be provided with the same level of curriculum coverage in 2 hours less regular instructional time per week (up to 80 hours per year). Further, we would like the Board to consider and consult on possible</p>

	<p>interim solutions for the loss of 2 hours of regular instructional time per week in the 2018-2019 school year, should the review not be possible before the start of September.</p> <p>The start time assigned to us is also a concern for many of our parents but this will be addressed by a separate delegation from our school.</p>	
Action Requested	<p>1. We would like the Board to provide some answers on how it will ensure that students at our school and others like ours will be provided with the same level of curriculum coverage as other TCDSB schools in 2 hours less regular instructional time per week (up to 80 hours less per year).</p> <p>2. we would like assurance that the Board will expedite the review process should our parents vote to request a review of our International Language program. We would like results that can be implemented before the start of the 2019-2020 year.</p> <p>3. We would like the Board to consider possible solutions or the interim, for parents who are worried about the loss of regular instructional hours. If any of these (such as a temporary move to outside of school hours) is a possibility, we would like for the Board to consult parents prior to implementing, to ensure that the majority is in favor of this. We are prepared for and open to an expedited consultation process at this point.</p> <p>4. We would like the Board to consider and consult on long term options other than just (a) remove 2 hours from regular instructional time OR (b) move the program out of the regular school day. We polled our community last year and found</p>	
I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf	{ 1) I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf}	
I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee (CSPC)	Yes St Brigid Co-Chair	
I am an official representative of student government		
I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization		
I have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules for Delegations as per the TCDSB Delegations Policy T.14.	I Agree	
Submittal Date	6/14/2018	