



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

REPORT REGARDING REVIEW OF THE TRANSPORTATION GOVERNANCE MODEL

“For The Lord Gives Wisdom; From his mouth come Knowledge and Understanding
Proverbs 2:6”

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INFORMATION REPORT

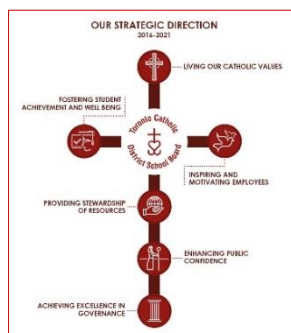
Vision:

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

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.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update to the Board of Trustees on recent concerns expressed about the effective transportation governance model and organizational structure, and provides a direction that the governance committee will be undertaking to conduct a review of these structures.

The current TSTG governance committee consist of representation of one school Trustee from each School Board (TCDSB representative is currently Trustee Davis) and the Associate Director of Educations from both the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB). The TSTG governance committee has four (4) members. The governance committee is responsible for providing direction, oversight and advice with respect to transportation within the consortium.

The TDSB has indicated that it has concerns that the current governance model structure is not allowing for the most effective oversight and execution of transportation for the students of the school board. The members of the TSTG Governance committee have also expressed these concerns.

These concerns have resulted in understanding between the two boards to examine a different transportation services governance model and organizational structure by reviewing other effective consortiums that are in place at other school districts.

Upon completion of the review, the governance committee will report to their respective boards on the outcomes of the review and, if determined through the review, any recommendations relating to next steps.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 3 hours

B. PURPOSE

This report provides the Board of Trustees with an update of the Toronto Student Transportation Group (TSTG) planned review of the existing consortium governance model and organizational structure. The goal of the review is to determine if a change of the existing model is required to improve the overall efficiency of the services provided.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The governance committee is responsible for ensuring that all recommendations contained in the 2017 Ombudsman report are carried out and specifically, in terms of the governance model and organizational structure.

Please refer to the following link to access the Ombudsman report:

<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/BusingFinal-wCovers-EN.pdf>

2. In July 2018 the Chair of the TCDSB received a letter from the Chair of the TDSB requesting a meeting with the joint Chairs, Directors and members of the TSTG governance committee to discuss concerns with the current transportation consortium, governance and operational structure.
3. The meeting took place on October 1, 2018 with both Chairs of the Board, Directors of Education and the governance committee members. It was agreed at this meeting that the governance committee would undertake a comparative environmental scan of Transportation consortium models in other school board jurisdictions. The objective of the scan is to study best practices in terms of governance models and organizational structures to determine whether changes should be made to the current TSTG transportation consortium to better meet the needs of our students and families. The environmental scan will be completed in October 2018.
4. The TSTG governance committee will review the results of the environmental scan in early November. Coming out of this meeting, the implications (financial, legal, operational and otherwise) of changing the existing legal relationship between the TSTG and the two school boards will be reviewed. This detailed analysis is anticipated to be completed in November 2018.
5. Once the TSTG governance committee has undertaken the full review and, if coming out that review, a change in the TSTG current governance model or organizational structure is recommended these proposed changes will be brought to each respective Board of Trustees for approval. The full review and follow-up report to the Board of Trustees is anticipated to be completed in January 2019.

D. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Board representatives at the meeting held on October 1, 2018 agreed that the review of the governance model and organizational structure would not consider individual Board policy relating to the transportation services.

E. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the information of the Board.