



REPORT TO

AD HOC TRUSTEE EXPENSES COMMITTEE

TRUSTEE SERVICES AND EXPENDITURES POLICY'S HISTORICAL CONTEXT

“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31-32

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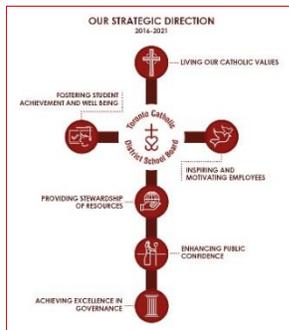
Vision:

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 the Ad Hoc Trustee Expenses Committee with a historical context in which to begin a review of TCDSB's Policy T.17 (Trustee Services and Expenditures)

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 2 hours.

B. PURPOSE

1. This report provides the historical context surrounding TCDSB's Policy T.17 (Trustees Services and Expenditures) and the critical public service role of ensuring and enhancing public trust and confidence into TCDSB's governance structures.

C. BACKGROUND

1. At the request for assistance by the Chair of the Board for the Toronto Catholic District School Board in 2008, the Minister of Education appointed an advisor, Norbert J. Hartmann, to complete the following:
 - a) Undertake a review of policies, processes and spending practices regarding Trustee expenses, supports and services; and
 - b) Make recommendations to ensure accountable, appropriate and transparent trustee and board expenditure and expense policies are in place, including the approval of trustees' expenses.
2. The review concluded that the cost of governance at the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) was among the highest in the province, and that it had grown substantially during the period of 2003 to 2008. A significant portion of the growth in governance costs was a result of the additional cost of services and discretionary expenditures that Trustees had provided for themselves during this time period.
3. The pattern of expenses that Trustees claimed and the Board services available indicated that:
 - a. Trustees provided themselves benefits and services that were not permitted by the Education Act;

- b. Trustees incurred expenses unrelated to their responsibilities as board members; and
 - c. Trustees exercised powers to allocate funds that were not provided in legislation; and
 - d. The structure of policies governing services and expenditures could create the perception that Trustees, their families, relatives and friends unfairly benefited from public office; and
 - e. Trustees did not always acquire goods and services in the most cost efficient and effective manner possible; and
 - f. Expenditure controls had been compromised by the politicization of the approval process; and
 - g. Significant improvements in the reporting of expenditures were required.
4. The complete report titled “Enhancing Public Trust and Confidence” prepared on May 6th 2008 by the Minister of Education appointed Advisor, Norbert J. Hartmann, appears as Appendix A.

D. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the consideration of the Ad Hoc Trustee Expenses Committee.