



REPORT TO

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

RATIFICATION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE NOMINEE 2019-2021

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

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RECOMMENDATION 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

As per Board policy T.02, there is an annual election process for the selection of a new Student Trustee. Policy T.02 was revised and approved by the Board of Trustees on February 19, 2015. Invitations for nominations for the position of Student Trustee were sent to all TCDSB secondary schools. Student trustees will serve two successive one-year terms.

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

B. PURPOSE

1. Approval of the Student Trustee appointment required under Board policy T.02, Student Trustee.

C. BACKGROUND

1. A notice was sent to all secondary school Principals and Vice Principals on March 6, 2019 outlining the election process for Student Trustee.
 - a. Included in the notice was an explanation of the rights and responsibilities associated with the role of a Student Trustee.
 - b. The administration team also received an application form for a second year secondary student (grade 10) as per the policy.
2. The Student Trustee election process was outlined with Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team (CSLIT) members at the February 26, 2019 monthly general assembly meeting and the March 26, 2019 meeting.
3. CSLIT hosted a “Meet the Candidates’ night on March 26, 2019.
4. A reminder e-mail was sent to all secondary school Principals and Vice-Principals outlining the voting process and included a list of candidates for the position.
5. The term for the current Student Trustee **Joel Ndongmi** ends July 31, 2019.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The applicant names that appeared on the ballot were:

Name	School	Grade
Kathy Nguyen	Madonna	10
Bohdan Hrotovytsky	Bishop Allen	10
Sarah Dos Santos Ribeiro	St. Mary Catholic Academy	10
Makeda Muluneh	Blessed Cardinal Newman	10
Grace Noonan	Notre Dame	10
Erin Rebello	Mary Ward CSS	10

2. Student leaders from across the TCDSB met on April 30, 2019 at the Catholic Education Centre for their monthly CSLIT general assembly meeting.

- Following the welcome and an opening address by the CSLIT executive, each candidate gave a verbal presentation on their qualifications, experience and goals related to the position of student trustee.
- Individual candidates participated in a question and answer session with the CSLIT membership.
- Each candidate presented a speech with a maximum length of 3 minutes.
- Each candidate delivered his/her speech and responded to questions offered during a question period. Candidates were not present during each other's speech or responses.
- Voting was conducted using the Alternative Vote process outlined prior to the vote. The Alternative Vote method of election has voters rank candidates in order of preference. If any single candidate receives a majority of first-preference votes, that candidate is deemed elected. If no candidate clears this hurdle, the last-place candidate is eliminated and that candidate's second preferences are reapportioned to others, and so on, until a candidate clears the threshold of 50 percent of the vote plus one.

3. The counting of the votes was conducted by current Student Trustees Taylor Dallin and Joel Ndongmi and witnessed by Catholic Student Leadership Resource Teacher Michael Consul.
4. When the Board of Trustees ratifies the appointment of the Student Trustee elect:
 - the successful candidate will be officially notified by letter;
 - appropriate announcements will be made within the TCDSB;
 - notifications will be sent to all Student Council representatives, the Ontario Catholic Student Council Federation, and the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association;
 - letters of appreciation will be sent to those Student Trustee candidates who put their name forward;
 - prior to the start of their term on August 1, 2019, briefing sessions and arrangements for providing equipment to the new Student Trustees will occur;
 - he/she will have the opportunity to attend several Board Standing Committee meetings and regular Board meetings, prior to officially taking office as Student Trustee;
 - this appointment will allow for a transition period from May 2019 to July 31, 2019.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees appoint **Kathy Nguyen** of **Madonna Catholic Secondary School** as Student Trustee for the term August 1, 2019 through to July 31, 2021.