

## **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 GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION**

**HELD TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019**

## **PRESENT:**

### **Trustees:**

I. Li Preti, Chair  
A. Kennedy, Vice-Chair  
N. Crawford  
M. Del Grande  
N. Di Pasquale  
T. Lubinski – via Teleconference  
M. Rizzo

### **Staff:**

L. Noronha  
A. Della Mora  
P. Aguiar  
N. Adragna  
C. Caldwell  
P. De Cock  
M. Farrell  
L. Maselli-Jackman  
B. Leoparati  
J. Shanahan  
S. Vlahos  
  
S. Harris, Recording Secretary  
S. Tomaz, Assistant Recording Secretary

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that the Agenda, as amended to defer Item 12d) to the June 4, 2019 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting, be approved.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**5. Declarations of Interest**

Trustee Del Grande declared an interest in Item 14a) Letter from Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) regarding CPIC Policy P.04 due to a family relationship with the CPIC President. Trustee Del Grande indicated that he would neither vote nor participate in the discussion regarding the Item.

**6. Approval & Signing of the Minutes**

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 9, 2019 for PUBLIC Session be approved with the following amendment:

Page 5 – Replace *Individual Trustees shall be consulted...* with *Individual Trustees shall consult...*

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**8 Presentations**

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 8a) be adopted as follows:

- 8a) Policy Tracker, Peter Aguiar, Superintendent of Student Achievement and Well-Being – Area 4 and Governance and Policy (Verbal)** received and that Staff implement the online Policy tracker in September 2019.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**12 Matters Referred or Deferred**

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

- 12a) From the March 26, 2019 Catholic Education and Living Our Catholic Values Sub-Committee Meeting and approved at the April 4, 2019 Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee Meeting**

*That the Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee refer to the Governance and Policy Committee that staff develop a policy on Catholic Curriculum in all subjects taught in all Toronto Catholic schools that Staff bring a report to the Governance and Policy (GAP) Committee stating Staff's position on a Policy on Catholic Curriculum.*

Trustee Rizzo left the table at 8:02 pm and returned at 8:03 pm.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Li Preti  
Kennedy  
Di Pasquale  
Rizzo

Crawford  
Del Grande  
Lubinski

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that Item 12b) be adopted as follows:

**12b) From the March 18, 2019 Special Board Meeting**

WHEREAS: The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) does not have a policy regarding refusing to admit special education students and students with complex needs; and

WHEREAS: The TCDSB should not refuse to admit special need students with disabilities on the basis that staff believe they cannot accommodate the student's needs, e.g. due to staff absences; and

WHEREAS: The TCDSB may ask or direct that a student not attend school; or that a student only attend school for part of the regular school day and that the student be removed from school in writing; and

WHEREAS: The TCDSB may excuse students from school who are suspended, expelled or for public health purposes according to legislation; and

WHEREAS: A refusal to admit students should only be imposed when necessary to protect health and safety; and

WHEREAS: Indefinite exclusions of students are not in the best interest of students; and

WHEREAS: The TCDSB should set out fair procedures that must be followed when refusing to admit a student.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the TCDSB establish a comprehensive policy regarding the refusal to admit special education students and those with special needs and disabilities to school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a refusal to admit policy should depend on the TCDSB ensuring that students excluded from attending school are provided an equivalent educational program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That students should not be excused unless it can be demonstrated that the student presents an imminent risk to health or safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the policy include:

Circumstances when a refusal to admit is permitted, and when it is not permitted;

Procedures that must be followed when refusing to admit a student;  
Timelines dictating the maximum number of consecutive days a student can be excused from school;

An appeal process; and

Data documentation and process for reporting to SEAC and Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the policy should include where the TCDSB refuses to accommodate students with special education disabilities in regular classrooms without needed supports or services, the principal be required to provide written notice and rationale of this to the family and that the Superintendent be copied; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a refusal to admit policy be referred to the Governance and Policy Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That staff prepare a comprehensive report on the implementation of a refusal to report policy.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy left the table at 8:06 pm and returned at 8:08 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 12c) be adopted as follows:

- 12c) From the April 4, 2019 Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee Meeting *that a policy be implemented that has direct instruction of cursive writing in Grade 3 (2019 Cursive Writing Update)* approved.**

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Staff provided updates regarding the following Recommendations:

- 1) *That staff create a policy, and that it be presented to the Governance and Policy Committee for consideration (Forms of Acceleration for Gifted and Talented Students) currently being investigated; and*
- 2) *That the policy and the regulations governing Admissions and French Programming be sent to the Governance and Policy Committee for revisions that more accurately reflect the delivery and availability of regional programs with equity in mind (St. Brigid Catholic School Admissions Inquiry: Junior Kindergarten French Immersion) the Policy will be brought to the GAP Committee in the Fall.*

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 12d) be adopted as follows:

- 12d) **Review of Purchasing Policy (F.P.01)** deferred to the June 4, 2019 GAP Committee meeting, after the approval of the Quadruple Private Minutes of the April 11, 2019 Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee Meeting.



Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Crawford left the table at 8:18 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 12e) be adopted as follows:

- 12e) Revised Conflict of Interest Act and Integrity Commissioner Update** tabled until Trustee Crawford is available.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Lubinski  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Crawford returned to the table at 8:21 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that Item 12f) be adopted as follows:

**12f) Update to Suspension and Expulsion Policy (S.S.01)** that the Policy be amended to include the following:

Recommendation 1: Page 51, *Cross Reference: Include The Ontario Human Rights Code and The Ontario Human Rights Policy on Accessible Education for Students with Disabilities; and*

Recommendation 4: Page 132, *Regulation 13: include explanation of mitigating and other factors.*

And that Recommendations 2 and 3 not be included in the Policy:

Recommendation 2: Page 61: *Add not related to a disability after Item (2) Refractory conduct; and*

Recommendation 3: Page 62: *Add or the Pupil would benefit from one after ...an individual education plan has been developed; and*

That the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) be consulted, after which the Policy should be brought back to the GAP Committee.

Trustee Lubinski disconnected via Teleconference at 8:48 pm.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that the GAP Committee recommend to Board that Recommendations 1 and 4 be approved and that Recommendations 2 and 3

be sent to SEAC with an explanation as to why the GAP Committee has not recommended them.

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

<b><u>In Favour</u></b>	<b><u>Opposed</u></b>
Trustees Crawford Del Grande Di Pasquale Rizzo	Kennedy Li Preti

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

<b><u>In Favour</u></b>	<b><u>Opposed</u></b>
Trustees Crawford Del Grande Di Pasquale Rizzo	Kennedy Li Preti

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Rizzo left the table at 8:57 pm and returned at 9:01 pm.

Trustee Del Grande left the table at 9:12 pm and returned at 9:13 pm.

Trustee Del Grande left the table at 9:21 pm and returned at 9:22 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 12e) Revised Conflict of Interest Act and Integrity Commissioner Update be lifted from the table.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 12e) be adopted as follows:

**12e) Revised Conflict of Interest Act and Integrity Commissioner Update** received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that the verbal update from Staff be received.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy left the table at 9:31 pm.

### 13. Staff Reports

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

- 13a) Update to Blessing and Official Opening of Schools Policy S. 08** that the GAP Committee recommend to Board that the Blessings and Official Opening of Schools Policy S.08, as proposed and amended in Report Appendix A, be adopted with the following amendments:

Page 157, Regulation 3: that *Local Trustee* be added as the new 3a);

Page 157, Regulation 3: that 3f) *Archbishop/bishop/parish priest (blessing)* be renumbered at the new Regulation 3c);

Page 158, Regulation 5: that *Local Trustee* be added as the new 5a);

Page 158, Regulation 5: that 5h) *Pastor* be renumbered as the new Regulation 5c);

Page 158, Regulation 5g): that *Advisory* be replaced with *Parent*; and

That *Councilor* be replaced with *Councillor* consistently throughout the Policy.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Kennedy returned to the table at 9:48 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 13b) be adopted as follows:

- 13b) Update to Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy S.S. 11** that after *Bullying behaviours*, page 165, Policy, line 7, delete *that has an adverse impact on the school climate*.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

Del Grande

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that the GAP Committee recommend to Board that the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy S.S.11, as amended and proposed in Report Appendix A be adopted, as amended.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that Item 13c) be adopted as follows:

- 13c) Update to Combined (Split) Grade Classes for Elementary Schools Policy S.24** received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Del Grande, that *proceeding* be replaced with *preceding*, page 179, Regulation 3.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy



Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that *there may be occasions due to enrollment pressures that split classes are required* be added to Purpose, page 177; and that *and* be deleted between *student and well-being*.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford Del Grande Di Pasquale Kennedy Li Preti	Rizzo
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The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that *principals* be replaced with *principles*, Purpose, page 177; and

That *They will consider minimizing...* be replaced with *Efforts will be made to minimize...*, Regulation 4, page 179; and

That page references be included for cross-divisional splits.

Trustee Li Preti relinquished the Chair to Trustee Kennedy.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Li Preti:

- 1) That *A parent pamphlet* be replaced with *Information* and that *in a timely manner* be added after *provided*, Regulation 6, page 180; and
- 2) That the GAP Committee recommend to Board that the Combined (Split) Grade Classes for Elementary Schools Policy S.24, as amended and proposed in Appendix A, be adopted.

Trustee Rizzo requested that the Motion be split.

Results of the Vote taken Part 1 of the Amendment, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

Part 1 of the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

Results of the Vote taken Part 2 of the Amendment, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti

Rizzo

Part 2 of the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti

Rizzo

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 13d) be adopted as follows:

- 13d) Recommendation to Adopt a Partisan Activities and Campaigning Policy A.40** that the GAP Committee recommend to Board that Partisan Activities and Campaigning Policy A.40, as proposed in Report Appendix A, be adopted.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that *partisan* be replaced with *political* throughout the Policy including the title.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale

Li Preti

Kennedy  
Rizzo

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Crawford:

That Regulation 3c), page 190: *The Board supports student awareness of the electoral process* be moved to a more appropriate section of the Policy; and  
That *Catholic* be inserted after *Toronto*, Definitions, page 191.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that a section be included in the Policy on potential consequences of violations of the Regulations.

MOVED in AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that the section also includes that the Board may take appropriate action, if necessary, depending on circumstances and that discipline may be enforced by the Director.

Results of the Vote taken on the Amendment to the Amendment, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Amendment to the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy

Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Li Preti left the table at 10:49 pm and returned at 10:50 pm.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti

Rizzo

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Crawford left the table at 10:54 pm. and returned at 10:57 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 13e) be adopted as follows:

- 13e) Update to Admission and Placement of Elementary Pupils Policy S.A.01** that the GAP Committee recommend to Board that it approve the amendments to the Admission and Placement of Elementary Pupils Policy (S.A.01), as indicated in Appendix ‘A’.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Del Grande, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that *where we redirect students, we will make best efforts to provide bus transportation to maintain those students in our system* be included in the Policy;

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that *Financial Impact and Legal Impact* be deleted, page 198.



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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 13f) be adopted as follows:

**13f) Update to Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy S.A.03** received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that the GAP Committee recommend to Board that it approve the amendments to the Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A.03) as indicated in Appendix 'A'.

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Del Grande  
Di Pasquale

Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Del Grande left the table at 11:22 pm due to a conflict of interest in the following Item, as earlier indicated.

**14. Listing of Communications**

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 14a) be adopted as follows:

- 14a) Letter from Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee regarding Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Policy P.04** that the planned review of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) Policy P.04 be placed on hold until CPIC's constitutional work is completed.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**17. Adjournment**

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

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

**In Favour**

**Opposed**

Trustees Crawford  
Di Pasquale  
Kennedy  
Li Preti  
Rizzo

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR