

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 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC SESSION HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

PRESENT:

Trustees:

M. Rizzo, Chair
M. Del Grande, Vice Chair
N. Crawford – via Teleconference
M. de Domenico
D. Di Giorgio
N. Di Pasquale
I. Li Preti
T. Lubinski
J. Martino
G. Tanuan

Student Trustee:

T. Dallin

Staff:

R. McGuckin
D. Koenig
L. Noronha
A. Della Mora
M. Caccamo
S. Camacho
S. Campbell
P. De Cock
L. DiMarco
M. Eldridge
D. Friesen
G. Iuliano Marrello

M. Loberto
K. Malcolm
S. Vlahos
D. Yack
J. Wujek

S. Harris, Recording Secretary
S. Tomaz, Assistant Recording Secretary

External Guest: A. Robertson, Parliamentarian

4. Roll Call and Apologies

Apologies were extended on behalf of Trustee Kennedy, as well as Student Trustee Ndongmi.

Trustee D'Amico was absent.

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee de Domenico, that Item 11b) Delegation: Marieke Favrod regarding Professional Student Support Services be added to the Agenda.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Rizzo
Tanuan

Opposed

Martino

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Del Grande did not vote due to a Declaration of Interest, as indicated on the next page.

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum and Item 11b), be approved.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Del Grande did not vote due to a Declaration of Interest, as indicated on the next page.

6. **Declarations of Interest**

Trustee Del Grande declared an interest in Delegations: Items 11a) Tuta Pecile, representative of the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) regarding 5th Block at St. Wilfrid and St. Jude Catholic Schools; 11b) Marieke Favrod regarding Professional Student Support Services; 16a) 2019-20 Budget Estimates Overall and Instructional Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4; and 16b) 2019-20 Budget Estimates Non-Instructional Volumes 5,6 as he has a family member who is an employee of the Board. Trustee Del Grande indicated that he would neither participate in those discussions nor vote on those Items.

Trustee Del Grande left the horseshoe at 7:33 pm.

Trustee Crawford joined the meeting via Teleconference at 7:36 pm.

11. **Delegations**

MOVED by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that Item 11a) be adopted as follows:

- 11a) Tuta Pecile, representative of the CSPC regarding 5th Block at St. Wilfrid and St. Jude Catholic School** received and referred to staff.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino

Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Item 11b) be adopted as follows:

- 11b) Marieke Favrod regarding Professional Student Support Services** received and referred to staff.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

16. Reports Requiring Action of the Board of Trustees

MOVED by Trustee Tanuan, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that Items 16a) and 16b) be adopted as follows:

- 16a) 2019-20 Budget Estimates Overall and Instructional Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4 & 16b) 2019-20 Budget Estimates Non-Instructional Volumes 5, 6** received and that:

- 1) The current Catholic Teachers Centre (CTC) Religion and Family Life Central Resource Teacher positions be maintained to continue the faith-based Nurturing our Catholic Community (NCC) programs and initiatives that are essential and core to our Catholic School existence;
- 2) At least one Central Resource Teacher be maintained from each curriculum area that includes the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) and the combined role of Social Studies, Science and Eco-Schools; and
- 3) That the funding source come from the projected \$580,000 surplus.

With the consent of the Committee, Trustee Tanuan withdrew Part 3 of the Motion.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the above be funded by eliminating courtesy seating.

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

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Lubinski
Tanuan

Opposed

Li Preti
Martino
Rizzo

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that Best Practices be used to identify from where monies will be taken and how the equivalent amounts will be allocated.

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

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Li Preti
Martino

Opposed

Di Pasquale
Lubinski
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Rizzo relinquished the Chair to Trustee Di Pasquale.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that Part 1) of the main Motion include two out of three positions.

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Rizzo
Tanuan

Martino

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

Results of the Vote taken on Parts 1 and 2 of the main Motion, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Lubinski
Rizzo
Tanuan

Li Preti
Martino

Parts 1 and 2 of the main Motion were declared

CARRIED

Trustee Crawford did not vote.

Trustee Rizzo reassumed the Chair.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) maintain one Priority School Initiative (PSI) School per Ward, funded by the rest of the courtesy seating funding.

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

In Favour

Trustees Di Pasquale
Rizzo
Tanuan

Opposed

de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Lubinski
Li Preti
Martino

The Amendment was declared

FAILED

Trustee Crawford did not vote.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Lubinski:

- 1) That the Board allocate \$2.5m for 5th Block; and
- 2) That the Board allocate \$1.9m for Education Assistants, Child and Youth Workers and Professional Student Services Personnel.

MOVED in AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Martino, that the funding source be that the TCDSB implement paid parking at all school facilities and the Catholic Education Centre (CEC) during the school day, and that teachers and administrators pay \$10 per day and education, administrative and facilities workers pay \$5 per day.

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

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo

Opposed

de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Tanuan

The Amendment to the Amendment were declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that Part 2 of the Amendment be revised as follows:

- 1) That the Board allocate \$600,000 for Special Education Teachers at the Secondary Level in addition to \$1.9m for Education Assistants, Child and Youth Workers and Professional Student Services Personnel for a total of \$2.5m; and
- 2) That the Board allocate \$2.5m for English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers at the Elementary Level.

Trustee Di Pasquale requested the Question be split.

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

Di Pasquale

Part 2 of the Amendment to the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Pasquale
Di Giorgio
Li Preti
Lubinski

Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

Part 1 of the Amendment to the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

Part 1 of the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

WHEREAS the TCDSB ratio for Guidance Counsellors is presently 1 to 5,000 students in elementary schools; and

WHEREAS school Boards receive funding for one full-time secondary Guidance Counsellor for every 385 high school students, and one elementary Guidance Counsellor for every 5,000 elementary students;

WHEREAS Guidance Counsellors are in short supply in most elementary schools;

WHEREAS the TCDSB needs to ensure that there are staff beyond the classroom teacher so that students are supported;

WHEREAS Guidance Counsellors help students with transitions and academic programming, special education support, discipline proceedings and supporting students with mental health issues; and

WHEREAS mental health resources are lacking at elementary schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that two elementary Guidance Counsellors be added at a cost of approximately \$200,000.

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
Di Giorgio
Li Preti
Lubinski
Rizzo
Tanuan

de Domenico
Di Pasquale
Martino

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Martino left the horseshoe at 9:41 pm.

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Lubinski, that:

WHEREAS the main reason of recycling is to reduce pollution, slow global warming and lower waste;

WHEREAS the TCDSB school waste and recycling may not be sorted and may often end up in the same garbage bin;

WHEREAS hard copies of the Board Agendas are provided to Trustees, staff and the public;

WHEREAS the Agenda can be provided electronically;

WHEREAS technology allows fast and efficient access to Board Agendas;

WHEREAS at the April 24, 2019 Regular Board meeting, the total amount of pages in the Agenda amounted to 555 and if it had not been printed, 6,000 pages of paper would have been saved;

WHEREAS costs could be reduced with less use of paper and printing;

WHEREAS “ it takes a second to waste a sheet of paper, but takes a decade to grow one”;

WHEREAS Pope Francis urges all of us to be responsible for others and our planet and contribute more so that all may share the precious resources of the earth;

WHEREAS the TCDSB believes in the critical role that our Catholic schools play in promoting environmental responsibility;

WHEREAS Catholic teachings call us to be stewards of the Earth;

WHEREAS it is important for all staff of the TCDSB to reflect the Catholic teachings that they manifest to their students; and

WHEREAS the ultimate goal is for the TCDSB to be a paperless organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all Board Agendas (hard copies of Addendums excluded) be provided in electronic format; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that costs for paper and copying be reduced by 20% annually until TCDSB achieves paperless status.

Trustee Martino returned to the horseshoe at 9:47 pm.

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustee Dallin wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that:

BE IT RESOLVED that TCDSB International Visa Student tuition fees be increased by \$2,000 (elementary and secondary);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if necessary, tuition fees may be increased to an amount aligned with market rates with 60 days' notice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff explore additional means of attracting international student revenue by providing summer camps and residential housing in property owned by the Board.

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

The Chair declared a recess.

PRESENT:(Following the recess)

Trustees: M. Rizzo, Chair
N. Crawford
M. de Domenico
D. Di Giorgio
N. Di Pasquale
I. Li Preti

T. Lubinski
J. Martino
G. Tanuan

Student Trustee: T. Dallin

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that the Director's budget be reinstated to \$100,000 (i.e. from the current \$50,000).

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Rizzo relinquished the Chair to Trustee Di Pasquale.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee de Domenico, that:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TCDSB:

Modify the Transportation Distance Requirements, as outlined in Transportation Policy S.T.01, from 1.5 km to 1.6 km; and

Request the Toronto Student Transportation Group to provide an analysis on school bell time adjustments as a means to generate cost savings.

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Martino, that:

WHEREAS the Multi-Year Strategic Plan, annual Board Learning Improvement Plan and annual Mental Health Strategy include goals and strategies that aim to ensure that school yards are spaces that promote and support the well-being of the TCDSB students;

WHEREAS there is no budget allocated for playgrounds;

WHEREAS at the TCDSB many school playgrounds consist of pavement, lack of green space, shade, aging or no playground structures nor sports fields;

WHEREAS the TCDSB has provided limited funds for playground improvements by ward in the past from surplus funds;

WHEREAS playground and site improvements are cost prohibitive for many school communities;

WHEREAS some school communities are able to raise funds for playgrounds and others may not;

WHEREAS some schools have been fortunate to receive Section 37 funds for playground improvements in the past; and

WHEREAS proposed legislation may restrict use of Section 37 funds in the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a “Ward Priorities School Playground Reserve Fund” be established for playgrounds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least one playground be allocated for each ward;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$100,000 per year be allocated to each ward from the surplus reserve fund for a total of \$1.2m per year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the allocation be assessed on an annual basis with the budget;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if there is no surplus, that no funds be allocated for playgrounds from the reserve funds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff develop a criteria for prioritizing the use of the playground reserve funds that may include, but is not limited to, equity considerations (socio-economic demographic data), age of playground infrastructure, consideration towards the playground plan, distance from existing playgrounds and green space;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ward Trustees collaborate with parent communities and senior staff to prioritize the use of the funds each year in each ward;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds may accumulate during the Trustee term;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the TCDSB budget for greening, site improvements, etc. remain in the renewal budget as approved by the Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should ward boundaries change, then the total remaining funds in the playground accounts would be summed together, divided by the number of new wards and redistributed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no commitments from the playground reserve accounts should occur in the six months leading up to an election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the end of the Trustee term all unused accumulated funds in the playground reserve fund are returned to the playground reserve fund.

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that:

WHEREAS school Boards conduct professional development for their employees;

WHEREAS many other school Boards provide similar professional development opportunities for their employees; and

WHEREAS there may be opportunities to coordinate professional learning with other school Boards to create cost savings and less duplication.

1. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to engage the TDSB and other Catholic school Boards to create a consortium for professional development; and
2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff report on the interest and findings of coordinating professional development for all employee groups within six months.

MOVED in AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT by Trustee Lubinski, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that Part 1 of the Amendment be revised as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to engage other Catholic school Boards to create a consortium for professional development.

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

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio

Opposed

Di Pasquale
Rizzo

Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Tanuan

The Amendment to the Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Amendment, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

Trustee Di Giorgio left the horseshoe at 10:55 pm and returned at 10:58 pm.

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

WHEREAS the TCDSB and all other school Boards have a high absentee rate among teachers, educational assistants and other employee groups;

WHEREAS an occasional may be called to supply if an employee is attending a professional development activity;

WHEREAS it is important that the TCDSB ensure that students are supported with their academic learning as much as possible and ongoing absences hinder this learning; and

WHEREAS in most cases employees would prefer to take care of the educational needs of their students than attend professional development activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that professional development be reduced by \$400,000.

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

Crawford

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

Time for business expired and was extended by 15 minutes, as per Article 12.6, by unanimous consent.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee de Domenico, that the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for Custodians, Trades and Maintenance Staff be reduced from (10.9) to (5.0).

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

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

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale

Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The main Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Martino, that the meeting resolve into PRIVATE Session.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR