

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

UPDATE TO CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCILS POLICY S.10

"He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity." Psalm 9:8

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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

This report recommends updating the current Catholic School Parent Councils (S. 10) as per the five year review cycle in the Meta Policy (M.01).

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 30 hours

B. PURPOSE

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance Policy Committee.

C. BACKGROUND

- 1. The Catholic School Parent Councils Policy(S.10) was first approved on November 19, 1981.
- 2. The last amendment to the policy was on February 24, 2016.
- 3. Changes to the policy reflect current legislation and practices.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The policy has been amended and informed in consultation with Legal Services, the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC), the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE), TCDSB's Catholic Parent School Councils (CSPC), and with the parent/guardian community.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Recommendations in this report will be monitored by the Director with the support of the Superintendent of Parent Engagement, and reported on the Annual Catholic Schools Parent Council Metrics Report.

Further reports will be brought to the Board in accordance with the policy review schedule.

F. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

- 1. The updated Policy, and accompanying appendices, as approved will be posted on the TCDSB policy register.
- 2. Principals will be informed of changes to this policy at k-12 meetings.
- 3. CPIC, OPACE and CSPCs will be informed of changes through their regular meetings.

G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the revised Catholic School Parent Councils (S.10) Policy (Appendix A of this report) be adopted.

It also recommends that Appendices A and B to the policy are approved.

Staff further recommends that the former Appendix B (Operational Procedures for CSPCs) of the policy go back for further consultation to CPIC, OAPCE and school administration. The outcome of this collaboration would be a handbook that is consistent with appropriate Regulations and Policies for Parents, CSPCs and Staff and a useful reference for best procedures and practices.