

**APPENDIX D : Catholic School Parent Council Policy S. 10 - Additional Consultation****Consultation Process**

There were two components to the additional consultation in December 2019.

- a) Focus Group (December 3, 2019): Five facilitated tables at the CEC
- b) Online Survey (December 4-15, 2019): 136 parents responded

**Results**

Data from the focus group session and the online survey are summarized below. Not all participants responded to all questions. The percentages are based on the number of participants who responded to each individual question. Results from both consultation processes should be considered; however, the methods differ with regard to anonymity and confidentiality.

**Current Policy: Regulation 1**

The school council at every school shall use the name Catholic School Parent Council (hereafter the CSPC), and will be guided by Catholic values and doctrine. The Chair or at least one of the CSPC Co-Chairs must be Roman Catholic.

**Proposed Revision:**

- i. A person is qualified to be a parent member of the school council if he or she is a parent or a legal guardian of a pupil who is enrolled in the school.
- ii. The chair or co-chairs are to be parent members.

***Do you agree with the proposed revisions?***

Focus Group (December 3, 2019 – CEC)			Online Survey (December 4-15, 2019)		
Agreed/Disagreed	Frequency	Percent	Agreed/Disagreed	Frequency	Percent
Yes	15	43.1%	Yes	103	76.3%
No	29	65.9%	No	32	23.7%
Total	44	100.0%	Total	136	100.0%

*Additional Comments Summary:* (Total comments: 57). Of those who provided comments, about half believe the chair should be Catholic and about 20% believe that non-Catholics can positively affect the school as chair. Other comments included upholding Catholic values and giving consideration when no Catholic candidates run for the position. There was also mention of constitutional and political ramifications.

**Current Policy: Regulation 3**

The principal will act as a resource person to the CSPC and shall assist the Council in obtaining information relevant to the duties and functions of the Council.

**Proposed Revision:** None

***Do you agree with this regulation?***

Focus Group (December 3, 2019 – CEC)			Online Survey (December 4-15, 2019)		
Agreed/Disagreed	Frequency	Percent	Agreed/Disagreed	Frequency	Percent
Yes	33	100.0%	Yes	132	98.5%
No	0	0.0%	No	2	1.5%
Total	33	100.0%	Total	134	100.0%

*Additional Comments Summary:* (Total comments: 15). Of those who provided comments, about half responded that principals should work more closely with councils. Other comments included need for participation at information sessions and mentoring.

**Current Policy: Regulation 4**

The principal, will provide information and solicit the views of CSPC on matters concerning:

- i. student achievement and the School Learning Improvement Plan;
- ii. annual funding for parent involvement;
- iii. the school budget;
- iv. school policies and procedures including the code of conduct; and
- v. school uniform or dress code.

**Proposed Revision:** The Board, through the principal, will provide information and solicit the views of CSPC with respect to the following matters:

- i) The establishment or amendment of board policies and guidelines that relate to student achievement or to the accountability of the education systems to parents, including:
  - a. Policies and guidelines with respect to the conduct of persons in schools;
  - b. Policies and guidelines respecting school uniforms and appropriate dress for students in schools;
  - c. Policies and guidelines respecting the allocation of funding by the Board CSPC(s);
  - d. Policies and guidelines respecting the fundraising activities of CSPC(s);
  - e. Policies and guidelines respecting conflict resolution processes for internal CSPC disputes; and
  - f. Policies and guidelines respecting reimbursement by the Board for expenses incurred by members and officers of CSPCs
- ii) The development of implementation plans for new education initiatives that relate to student achievement or the accountability of the education system to parents including:
  - a. Board action plans for improvement, based on the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) reports on the results of student tests, and the communication of those plans to the public.
  - b. The process and criteria applicable to the selection and placement of principals and vice-principals.

***Do you agree with the proposed revisions?***

Focus Group (December 3, 2019 – CEC)			Online Survey (December 4-15, 2019)		
Agreed/Disagreed	Frequency	Percent	Agreed/Disagreed	Frequency	Percent
Yes	11	32.4%	Yes	100	79.4%
No	23	67.6%	No	26	20.6%
Total	34	100.0%	Total	126	100.0%

*Additional Comments Summary:* (Total comments: 32). Of those who provided comments, about a quarter responded that the current process works well.

**Current Policy: Regulation 6**

A CSPC may make recommendations to the Board on any matter, and the Board shall consider each recommendation and advise the CSPC of the action taken in response to the recommendation.

**Proposed Revision:** None

***Do you agree with the regulation?***

Focus Group (December 3, 2019 – CEC)			Online Survey (December 4-15, 2019)		
Agreed/Disagreed	Frequency	Percent	Agreed/Disagreed	Frequency	Percent
Yes	19	59.4%	Yes	123	98.4%
No	13	40.6%	No	2	1.6%
Total	32	100.0%	Total	125	100.0%

*Additional Comments Summary:* (Total comments: 12). There were minimal comments; of those who provided comments, a few stated that there should be more specificity with regard to response timelines.