

ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS

For I resolved to live according to wisdom, and I was zealous for the good, and I shall never be disappointed. Sirach 51:18

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INFORMATION 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

During the year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) invited Catholic School Boards across the province of Ontario to submit resolutions regarding important issues of a provincial nature that affect Trustees for consideration at the OCSTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference.

TCDSB resolved to submit three (3) resolutions to OCSTA for consideration at the AGM and Conference, originally planned for April 30-May 2, 2020. Given the Covid-19 Emergency Orders in Ontario, the AGM was rescheduled in virtual format for June 27, 2020. The TCDSB resolutions, along with resolutions from other Catholic District School Boards, are included in **Appendix A**.

The status of the OCSTA 2019 Resolutions are presented in Appendix B.

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B. PURPOSE

- 1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with the slate of resolutions to be considered at the OCSTA 2020 Annual General Meeting so that Trustees can make decisions on voting, and to review the submission of the TCDSB resolutions entitled:
 - i. Resolution 2-20: OCSTA Membership Fee Structure;
 - ii. Resolution 5-20: Association Name Change; and
 - iii. Resolution 22-20: Eco School Catholic Board Partnership.

C. BACKGROUND

- 1. According to the OCSTA guidelines for submission, resolutions that are submitted to the AGM are required to be approved by the submitting Catholic Board.
- 2. **February 6, 2020** At the Student Achievement and Well-being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee, the Board approved sending

three (3) resolutions to OCSTA for consideration at the Annual General Meeting originally scheduled for April 30 - May 2, 2020.

- 3. **March 17, 2020** Given the Covid-19 pandemic and the provincial government's emergency orders, OCSTA sent a message postponing the 2020 AGM scheduled to be held in Ottawa on April 30 May 2, 2020.
- 4. **April 27, 2020** OCSTA provided notice that the AGM would take place in virtual format on June 27, 2020.
- 5. **May 21, 2020** OCSTA Executive Director sent a letter to Chair Martino providing information about the grouping of resolutions to deal specifically with the governance structure of OCSTA, and further committed to having representation from the large boards on the ad hoc committee. The letter was placed on the public Order paper of Regular Board-May 21, 2020.
- 6. **May 28, 2020** OCSTA sent a registration package to Catholic Trustees and Directors for the 2020 Annual General Meeting and Conference, to be held virtually on Saturday, June 27, 2020.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

- 1. For the 2020 OCSTA AGM and Conference, approved resolutions from Catholic District School Boards were submitted in early February 2020, and then OCSTA's Resolutions Committee reviewed the resolutions and offered recommendations on the best way to meet their intent.
- 2. The following recommendations and implications are set out below:
 - a. The Resolutions Committee will study the resolutions and offer recommendations on the best way to meet their intent. The recommendations and their implications are:
 - i. **Approve** The direction given in the "therefore be it resolved" section of the resolution will be carried out.
 - ii. Approve and refer to the committee for appropriate implementation The resolution will be forwarded to the designated committee for implementation.

- iii. **Receive and refer to the committee for study** The resolution will be forwarded to the designated committee for study. Following the study and receipt of the committee's recommendation, the Board of Directors will determine whether or not the resolution will be implemented.
- iv. Not support No action will be taken.
- v. **No recommendation** The committee is not making any recommendation with respect to the resolution.
- vi. **No action required -** The intent of the resolution has been met. No further action will be taken.
- 3. Resolution A-20 is a substantive review of the OCSTA Constitution: Amendments to the "Amended and Restated By-law Number 2019-01, A Bylaw Relating Generally to the Conduct of Its Affairs" ("OCSTA By-Law")
- 4. The remaining 22 resolutions have been arranged into 6 categories:
 - i. **Resolutions #1-6** That OCSTA develop an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of up to 7 members of the OCSTA Board of Directors to consider and research resolutions 1-6 and other governance and operating issues relating to OCSTA.
 - ii. **Resolutions #7-11** Recommend: Approve
 - iii. **Resolutions #12-15** Recommend: **Approve and Refer** to the Political Advocacy Committee
 - iv. **Resolutions #16-17** Recommend: **Receive and refer** to the Labour Relations Committee
 - v. **Resolutions #18-21** Recommend: **Receive and refer** to the Political Advocacy Committee
 - vi. **Resolution #22** Recommend: Approve and refer to the Catholic Education and Trustee Enrichment Committee

TCDSB RESOLUTIONS

5. The following resolutions were submitted to OCSTA by the TCDSB through Board resolution. Past practice would see all Trustees voting in favour of its resolutions.

A. Resolution #2-20 OCSTA Membership Fee Structure

Moved by: Trustee de Domenico Seconded: Trustee Li Preti

Therefore be it Resolved that:

OCSTA commission a study to be conducted by an independent organization to research and recommend how OCSTA determines its membership fees with the view of bringing greater equity to the fees between all Boards.

Be it Further Resolved that:

The report be delivered to the membership in time for the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

OCSTA Committee Recommendation

That OCSTA develop an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of up to 7 members of the OCSTA Board of Directors to consider and research resolutions 1-6 and other governance and operating issues relating to OCSTA.

B. Resolution #5-20 Association Name Change

Moved by: Trustee Kennedy Seconded: Trustee Martino

Therefore be it Resolved that:

OCSTA conduct a full consultation and provide members with options for a name change reflecting the true purpose of the Association in time for the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

OCSTA Committee Recommendation

That OCSTA develop an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of up to 7 members of the OCSTA Board of Directors to consider and research resolutions 1-6 and other governance and operating issues relating to OCSTA.

C. Resolution #22-20 Eco School Catholic Board Partnership

Moved by: Trustee Di Pasquale Seconded: Trustee Rizzo

Therefore be it Resolved that:

Ontario Catholic School Boards collaborate and share best practices on getting schools Eco School certified.

Be it Further Resolved that:

This motion be referred to the OCSTA Catholic Education and Trustee Enrichment Committee for implementation.

OCSTA Committee Recommendation

Approve and refer to Catholic Education and Trustee Enrichment Committee.

6. In the past, the Board has deliberated its position on the resolutions to inform the voting process at the AGM.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. OCSTA reports on the outcome of the Resolutions at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the consideration of the Board.