



REPORT TO

## 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

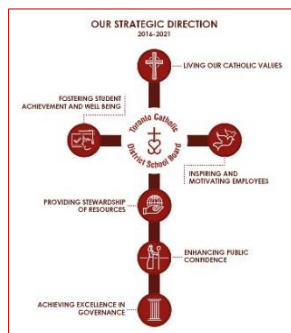
**Vision:**

*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 90 hours.*

## **B. PURPOSE**

1. This report is before the Governance and Policy Committee as it is part of the cyclical policy review.

## **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. An initial draft policy report was brought forward to this committee on September 10, 2019.
4. Further consultation with stakeholders on draft Regulations 1, 3, 4 and 6 took place on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
5. Consultation on the draft policy took place on January 20, 2020 at the regular Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting.
6. Further input was received on February 11, 2020 at the meeting of the Governance and Policy committee and revised as appropriate.
7. Changes to the policy reflect current legislation and practices.

## **D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

1. The policy has been revised and informed in consultation with Legal Services, the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC), the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education – Toronto (OAPCE), TCDSB’s Catholic Parent School Councils (CSPC), TCDSB administrators and with the parent/guardian community. (**Appendix A**)

2. The policy has been further updated in compliance with new procedures and policy related to procurement and reporting of budgets.
3. The TCDSB By-laws for Catholic School Parent Councils is found in **Appendix B**.
4. “Guidelines For School Accounts and Catholic School Parent Councils” is the reference for these updates, and is found in **Appendix C**.
5. **Appendix D** summarizes the revisions made to the original policy, including consultations that have taken place with stakeholders as directed by the Governance and Policy Committee.

## **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**

1. That the revised Catholic School Parent Councils (S.10) Policy in **Appendix A** be adopted.

2. That Appendices B and C of this report to the policy be approved and any further changes to the appendices be created through collaboration with staff, CPIC and OAPCE – Toronto.