

Appendix B

Terms of Reference:

Catholic Social Justice Committee

Mandate: to advise the Board on Policies, Programs and Services which close the learning opportunity gaps for school communities through the *lens of Catholic Social Justice Teaching of the Church*.

Report to: TCDSB Student Achievement, Religious Affairs and Human Resources Committee.

Liaison: TCDSB Nurturing Catholic Community Committee and Staff Equity and Inclusive Education Committee, Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team

Frequency : To meet quarterly.

Action:

1. Support the implementation of evidence based strategies grounded in Catholic Social Teaching that close the learning opportunity gap for school communities.
2. Create links with external partners to support the mandate and understand the alternative means by which the learning opportunity gap may be closed
3. To listen, understand and act upon student voice and community concerns.
4. Develop and/or promote learning opportunities for school communities through the lens of the social teachings of the Church
5. Develop and/or promote professional development opportunities for staff through the lens of the social teachings of the Church.

Note: It is understood that this terms of reference has been reviewed by the *Catholic Social Justice Committee* at their first meeting.. Any recommended substantive changes to the terms of reference will be brought back to the Board for approval.

Composition of the Committee:

- Student Representative and alternative selected by CSLIT
- Trustee and alternate: Trustee Jo-Ann Davis, Trustee Maria Rizzo (alternate)
- Parent Rep chosen from parent organization as per TCDSB protocol for choosing parents..
- Superintendent of Education
- School Administrator
- Archdiocese Rep
- TCDSB Social Work
- TCDSB Research
- TCDSB Community Relations

At the initial October 16 meeting it was agreed to bring forward to Board five community based organizations as members on the committee. That group included the following:

- Catholic Charities
- St Vincent De Paul
- Angel Foundation for Learning
- Office of Catholic Youth
- St Michael's College (U of T)

The organizations were approved October 24 , 2013 at Board and an invitation has been proffered.