

OUR 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.*

OUR VISION

*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world
through witness, faith, innovation and action.*



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

PUBLIC SESSION

HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

PRESENT:

Trustees:

G. Tanuan, Chair, In Person
T. Lubinski, Vice-Chair
N. Crawford
F. D'Amico
M. de Domenico
D. Di Giorgio
N. Di Pasquale
A. Kennedy
I. Li Preti
J. Martino
M. Rizzo

Student Trustees:

K. Baybayon
K. Nguyen

Staff:

B. Browne
D. Koenig
S. Camacho
A. Della Mora
P. Aguiar
A. Bria
M. Caccamo
S. Campbell
D. Chen
F. Cifelli
P. De Cock

L. DiMarco
K. Dixon
M. Farrell
C. Fernandes
G. Iuliano Marrello
L. Latham
M. Loberto
P. Matthews
M. Meehan
R. Peterson
S. Vlahos
J. Wujek

S. Harris, Recording Secretary
S. Pellegrini, Assistant Recording Secretary

External Guest: A. Robertson, Parliamentarian

5. Roll Call and Apologies

Trustee Del Grande was not in attendance due to Board-approved leave of absence.

6. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee de Domenico, that the Agenda, as amended to include the Addendum, be approved.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee de Domenico, that Item 12b) Notice of Motion from Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Fiduciary Duty to the Board be referred to a Board PRIVATE Session Agenda.

The Chair ruled the referral in order.

Trustee Rizzo challenged the Chair.

Results of the Vote taken on the Chair's Ruling, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees D'Amico
Di Giorgio
Lubinski
Tanuan

Opposed

Crawford
de Domenico
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Martino
Rizzo

The Chair's Ruling was not upheld.

Student Trustees Nguyen and Baybayon voted in favour and in opposition respectively.

The Chair called a 10-minute recess.

The meeting resumed with Trustee Tanuan in the Chair, with no change to the Attendance list.

Results of the Vote taken on the Approval of the Agenda and Addendum, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

Opposed

Di Giorgio
Lubinski

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Nguyen and Baybayon voted in favour.

7. Report from Private Session

There were none at this time due to a motion to resolve back into PRIVATE Session.

8. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

9. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Minutes of the Meeting held March 4, 2021 for PUBLIC Session be approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

10. Delegations

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 10a) be adopted as follows:

10a) Monica and Daniel Greco regarding Purple Day Recognition through the

Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) received and referred to Staff.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and Nguyen wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Domenico, that Item 10b) be adopted as follows:

10b) Julie Altomare-DiNunzio, President of Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers (TECT) regarding Return to School Update received and referred to Staff.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and Nguyen wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Di Giorgio, that Item 10c) be adopted as follows:

10c) Deborah Nightingale regarding Special Education: Completion of all Tests/Assessments, Identification, Placement and Review Committees (IPRC) and Placement Offers received and referred to Staff.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that the Item be referred also to the Special Education and Advisory Committee (SEAC).

Results of the Vote taken on the AMENDMENT, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and Nguyen wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Results of the Vote taken on the Motion, as amended, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino

Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and Nguyen wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

12. Notices of Motion

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Martino, that Item 12a), as follows, be considered at the May 6, 2021 Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee Meeting:

12a) From Trustee Di Giorgio regarding International Languages:

WHEREAS: The International Languages (IL) Program used to be offered in the “extended day” format. This meant that in elementary schools with IL, the school day schedule was extended by 30 minutes enabling the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) to comply with Section 3(1) Reg. 298 of the Education Act - Minimum of five (5) hours (300min) a day of instructional programming;

WHEREAS: The existing “integrated day” delivery model appears to contradict the Education Act under the guise of a pilot program, approved by the Ministry of Education and previous Board of Trustees, without a definitive ending date;

WHEREAS: Parents should be afforded a fair and reasonable opportunity to withdraw their child from a program which deprives their child of the Ministry mandated 300 minutes of core curriculum instruction;

WHEREAS: The existing International Languages Policy SP.05 has avoided any revision since 2003 (when the program was delivered in a different format) and has an unrealistic threshold of 90% for those communities wishing to withdraw from the program;

WHEREAS: I brought forward a suggested policy revision over six (6) months ago, but it has yet to be reviewed by the Governance and Policy Committee which the Board referred it to; and

WHEREAS: The Board, through a lack of action combined with the implicit approval of the Ministry of Education is violating a fundamental provision of the Education Act during a time when every minute of instructional time has arguably become increasingly valuable.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Any pending or new requests from a school community to review the viability of an existing IL program submitted prior to May 31st 2021, be eligible to survey their respective school communities under the terms approved by the previous Board of Trustees for the survey conducted in 2018 (i.e. 67% return rate for results to be viable and 51% majority for the preferred selection); and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Trustees suspend the above-mentioned portions of Policy SP.05 for these school communities to facilitate a fair and democratic survey and corresponding implementation in the 2021-2022 school year.

- 12b) From Trustee Di Giorgio regarding Fiduciary Duty to the Board** ruled out of order for this meeting due to the meeting's Terms of Reference and is expected to be included in the April 22, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda, subject to the Chair's and Director's confirmation.

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee Li Preti, that Item 12c), as follows, be considered at the May 6, 2021 Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee Meeting:

- 12c) From Trustee Di Pasquale regarding Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness Proclamation:**

WHEREAS: Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in counties around the world;

WHEREAS: Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine year-old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people to know that if you have epilepsy, you are not alone;

WHEREAS: Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect more than 50 million people worldwide, and more than 300,000 people in Canada;

WHEREAS: The public is often unable to recognize the common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid; and

WHEREAS: Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26th annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: TCDSB proclaim March 26th of every year “Purple Day” in an effort to raise epilepsy awareness at the TCDSB; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: TCDSB Students be encouraged to wear something purple in support of epilepsy awareness.

14. Consent and Review

The Chair reviewed the Order Paper and the following Items were held:

- 16a) External Report from Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCTSTA) Update (Verbal) - Trustee Crawford;
- 17a) Return to School Update - Trustee Di Pasquale; and
- 17c) Monthly Procurement Approvals - Trustee Rizzo

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that all Items not held be received and the Staff Recommendation approved.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and Nguyen wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

ITEMS NOT HELD AS CAPTURED IN THE ABOVE MOTION

17b) Non-Resident Visa Student Fees:

1. That the fees for Non-Resident VISA students for September 2021 for TCDSB to remain at \$16,000 for both Elementary and Secondary, inclusive of the \$500 mandatory cost of Health Insurance; and

2. That the administrative fee remains at \$350.

Panel Yearly Fee Pro-Rated Fee

Elementary \$16,000 or \$1,600 per month

Secondary (under 21) \$16,000 or \$1,600 per month

Secondary (over 21-Fraser) \$16,000 or \$2,000 per additional course;

18a) Communication from Councillor Joe Cressy, Chair, Toronto Board of Health regarding Phase 2 Vaccine Rollout in Targeted Toronto Neighbourhoods;

20a) Annual Calendar of Reports and Policy Metrics; and

20b) Monthly Pending List

16. Matters Referred or Deferred

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that Item 16a) be adopted as follows:

16a) External Report from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCTSTA) Update (Verbal – Trustee Crawford) received.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino

Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and Nguyen wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Time for business expired.

MOVED by Trustee Di Giorgio, seconded by Trustee Di Pasquale, that the meeting be extended by 60 minutes to complete the PUBLIC Agenda.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

de Domenico

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and Nguyen wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

17. Staff Reports

MOVED by Trustee Di Pasquale, seconded by Trustee D'Amico, that Item 17a) be adopted as follows:

17a) Return to School Update received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee de Domenico, seconded by Trustee Rizzo:

WHEREAS: TCDSB schools will be closed until April 18;

WHEREAS: Ontario's vaccination rollout is rapidly expanding; and

WHEREAS: TCDSB school buildings already function as important and recognizable community hubs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board

1. Make school facilities available for vaccine distribution, if requested, by a vaccine provider (including but not limited to the Toronto Board of Health, a hospital, or the Ontario Vaccine Task Force) until April 18, or when schools reopen;
2. Notify the Toronto Board of Health, the Ontario Vaccine Task Force, and GTA Hospitals that school facilities are available for us; and
3. Direct Communications Staff to inform parents, community members, and teachers of the vaccination sites in their communities and the fact that COVID-19 vaccines are safe.

Results of the Vote taken on the AMENDMENT, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and Nguyen wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Time for business expired.

The Chair called for a 15-minute extension, as per Article 12.6, to complete the debate on the Item, that was approved as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees D'Amico	Crawford
de Domenico	Kennedy
Di Giorgio	Rizzo
Di Pasquale	
Li Preti	
Lubinski	

Martino
Tanuan

Student Trustees Baybayon and Nguyen wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

Results of the Vote taken on the Motion, as amended, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and Nguyen wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that Item 17c) be adopted as follows:

- 17c) Monthly Procurement Approvals** that the Board of Trustees approve all procurement activities/awards listed in Appendix A of the report.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and Nguyen wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the meeting resolve back into PRIVATE Session.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Giorgio
Di Pasquale

Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Baybayon and Nguyen wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

PRESENT: (Following PRIVATE Session)

Trustees: G. Tanuan, Chair, In Person
T. Lubinski, Vice-Chair
N. Crawford
F. D'Amico
M. de Domenico
N. Di Pasquale
A. Kennedy
I. Li Preti
J. Martino
M. Rizzo

7. Report from Private Session

MOVED by Trustee Li Preti, seconded by Trustee Rizzo, that the report from Trustee Kennedy regarding the following be received:

In PRIVATE Session – Approved Minutes and recommendations regarding Parent/Guardian/Community Membership on the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory

Committee for the term starting April 21, 2021.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

21. RESOLVE into FULL BOARD to Rise and Report

MOVED by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Martino, that the meeting resolve into FULL BOARD to Rise and Report.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Pasquale

Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

23. Adjournment

MOVED by Trustee Martino, seconded by Trustee D'Amico, that the meeting be adjourned.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Di Pasquale
Kennedy
Li Preti
Lubinski
Martino
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR