



REPORT TO

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND  
WELL BEING, CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION AND HUMAN  
RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**RATIFICATION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE NOMINEE  
2021-2023**

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12*

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**RECOMMENDATION REPORT**

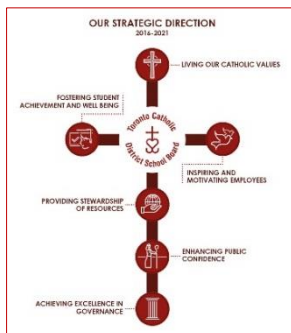
**Vision:**

*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**

As per Board policy T.02, there is an annual election process for the selection of a new Student Trustee. Policy T.02 was revised and approved by the Board of Trustees on February 19, 2015. Invitations for nominations for the position of Student Trustee were sent to all TCDSB secondary schools. Student trustees will serve two successive one-year terms.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 3 hours.*

## **B. PURPOSE**

1. Approval of the Student Trustee appointment required under Board policy T.02, Student Trustee.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. A notice was sent to all secondary school Principals and Vice Principals on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 outlining the election process for Student Trustee.
  - a. Included in the notice was an explanation of the rights and responsibilities associated with the role of a Student Trustee.
  - b. The administration team also received an application form for a second year secondary student (grade 10) as per the policy.
2. The Student Trustee election process was outlined with Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team (CSLIT) members at the February 23, 2021 monthly general assembly meeting.
3. CSLIT uploaded a “Meet the Candidates” video on April 19, 2021 on social media. On this video, each candidate explained how they plan to make a positive impact on CSLIT. This video gives the general assembly more information about each candidate before the April 27, 2021 election.
4. A reminder was sent by e-mail on April 23, 2021 to all secondary school Principals and Vice-Principals outlining the voting process and a list of candidates for the position.
5. The term for the current Student Trustee Kathy Nguyen ends July 31, 2021.

## D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The applicant names that appeared on the ballot were:

Name	School	Grade
Abbey Kulasingh	Loretto Abbey	10
Adelola Adeyeye	James Cardinal McGuigan	10
Chloe Smith	Notre Dame	10
Daicey Ansong	Loretto College	10
Gabriel Fajardo	St. Patrick	10
Jessica Varriale	St. Joseph Morrow Park	10
Julissa Perez	St. Joseph's College	10
Pia Manipol	Mary Ward	10
Roy Bou Abboud	Bishop Allen	10
Sharon Okoroma	Madonna	10
Stephanie De Castro	Senator O'Connor	10

2. Student leaders from across the TCDSB met on April 27th, 2021 online for their monthly CSLIT general assembly meeting.
- Following the welcome and an opening address by the CSLIT executive, each candidate gave a verbal presentation on their qualifications, experience, and goals related to the position of student trustee.
  - Individual candidates participated in a question and answer session with the CSLIT membership.
  - Each candidate presented a speech with a maximum length of 4 minutes.
  - Each candidate was asked a series of questions. These questions were identical for each candidate. Candidates had a total of 4 minutes to answer all the questions. This was conducted through Youtube live.

Members of the general assembly were able to observe each candidate during the livestream.

- Voting was conducted using the Alternative Vote process outlined prior to the vote. The Alternative Vote method of election has voters rank candidates in order of preference. If any single candidate receives a majority of first-preference votes, that candidate is deemed elected. If no candidate clears this hurdle, the last-place candidate is eliminated and that candidate's second preferences are reapportioned to others, and so on, until a candidate clears the threshold of 50 percent of the vote plus one.
3. The counting of the votes will be conducted by current Student Trustees Keith Baybayon and Kathy Nguyen, and witnessed by Catholic Student Leadership Resource Teacher Michael Consul.
  4. When the Board of Trustees ratifies the appointment of the Student Trustee elect:
    - the successful candidate will be officially notified by letter;
    - appropriate announcements will be made within the TCDSB;
    - notifications will be sent to all Student Council representatives, the Ontario Catholic Student Council Federation, and the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association;
    - letters of appreciation will be sent to those Student Trustee candidates who put their name forward;
    - prior to the start of their term on August 1, 2020, briefing sessions and arrangements for providing equipment to the new Student Trustees will occur;
    - the newly elected student trustee will have the opportunity to attend several Board Standing Committee meetings and regular Board meetings, prior to officially taking office as Student Trustee;
    - this appointment will allow for a transition period from April 28, 2021 to July 31, 2021.

## **E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Trustees appoint **Stephanie De Castro** from **Senator O'Connor Secondary School** as Student Trustee for the term August 1, 2021 through to July 31, 2023.