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To: Regular Board Meeting, November 18, 2021

From: Maria Rizzo, Trustee Ward 5

Subject: Consideration of Motion – Parent/Volunteer Access to Enter School Buildings

MOVED BY: Maria Rizzo, Toronto Catholic District School Board

SECONDED BY: Markus de Domenico, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: TCDSB is committed to creating school communities focused on the success, mental health and well-being of all students, including safe environments for all during COVID-19;

WHEREAS: Parental involvement and engagement in a child's school contributes to student success;

WHEREAS: Parent volunteers are a great resource to school communities and enhance educational experiences;

WHEREAS: Parents should have the opportunity to be involved in their child's school;

WHEREAS: The TCDSB values and recognizes that parents/volunteers enhance the learning experiences of students and strengthen school and community partnerships;

WHEREAS: Parents volunteering is an opportunity to model and promote the value of caring and contributing citizens within our school communities;

WHEREAS: Parents and members of parent council are not currently allowed to enter the school buildings for any reason and many typical volunteer opportunities are lost, and;

WHEREAS: TCDSB aims to apply uniform protocols on parent admittance across the system to allow equitable and safe parent access to schools.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Fully vaccinated parents/volunteers who have completed Covid-19 screening survey be permitted to enter the school building with proper PPE upon the discretion of the school administration by arrangement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Parent councils may meet virtually or in schools for their meetings as per safety protocols including proof of vaccination, ability to socially distance, wearing PPE etc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: TPH be requested to assist in formulating public health guidelines, protocols, and procedures for parent access to school buildings.

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