



## REPORT TO

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

## RATIFICATION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE NOMINEE 2022-2024

*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*

Drafted	Meeting Date
April 25, 2022	May 3, 2022

M. Consul, Catholic Student Leadership Resource Teacher

M. Caccamo, Superintendent of Education, Nurturing our Catholic Community,  
Safe Schools, Continuing Education, Monsignor Fraser College, Orientation Centre

### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Vision:** *IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.*

**Mission:** *Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the love of God, neighbour, and self.*



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN  
2022 - 2025

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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. This report is on the Order Paper of the Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee for the 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 March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 general assembly meeting.
3. CSLIT uploaded a “Meet the Candidates” video on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 election.
4. A reminder was sent by e-mail on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 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 Keith Baybayon ends July 31, 2022.

## D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

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

Name	School	Grade
Diana Becerra Lerga	Michael Power/St. Joseph	10
David Beshai	St. John Paul II	10
Mayumi Chua	Mary Ward	10
Ella Di Fonzo	Bishop Allen Academy	10
John Bernard Gelar	Marshall McLuhan	10
Wilfred Sam Johnson	Brebeuf College	10
Mischa Mallari	St. John Henry Newman	10
Aishme Murugathas	Francis Liberman	10
Mikaela Santos	Loretto Abbey	10

2. Student leaders from across the TCDSB met on April 26th, 2022 at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts Secondary School for their monthly CSLIT general assembly meeting.
- The general assembly meeting opened with a welcome from CSLIT executive, highlighting the importance of the student body electing the next student trustee.
  - Each candidate presented a speech with a maximum length of 4 minutes presenting their goals, platform, and candidacy as the next student trustee.
  - Each candidate was asked a series of rapid-fire questions pertaining to facts about the TCDSB and CSLIT. These questions were identical for each candidate. Candidates had a total of 4 minutes to answer all the questions.
  - 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 Stephanie DeCastro 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, 2022, 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 27, 2022 to July 31, 2022.

## **E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Trustees appoint **David Beshai** from **St. John Paul II Secondary School** as Student Trustee for the term August 1, 2022 through to July 31, 2024.