



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC
PLANNING AND PROPERTY
COMMITTEE

BUDGET CONSULTATION STAKEHOLDER INPUT

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ (Matthew 25:40)

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INFORMATION 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

IN GOD’S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An integral component of the budget process is system consultation. Input from a variety of stakeholders is paramount to transparency and engagement. It also provides an opportunity to receive feedback on the Board's priorities and strategic directions to ensure alignment and inform allocation of resources.

B. PURPOSE

This report provides an overview of the consultation undertaken and summarizes the input received from the various stakeholder groups.

C. BACKGROUND

1. Staff engaged a number of stakeholder groups and provided opportunity for input in a variety of ways including hosting a Virtual Town Hall forum, attendance at Committee meetings and dissemination of a system survey.
2. The input received consistently and predominantly focused on such priorities and themes as Student Wellbeing, Mental Health, Learning Recovery, Early Intervention, Special Education, Technology and Program.
3. The 2022-23 Preliminary Budget Plan reflects the above themes and priorities and represents the allocation of resources to key areas of importance.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. Staff hosted a Virtual Town Hall for parents, staff and the broader community on April 7, 2022 to review the budget framework and respond to questions.
2. Following the Town Hall staff issued a system survey with the assistance of the Research Department and Communications.
3. Senior staff met with each of the Board's labour partners to review the budget framework, engage in dialogue and receive feedback.
4. The CFO attended the April meetings of SEAC, CPIC and CSLIT to review the budget framework, engage in dialogue and receive feedback.
5. There were 1,439 responses to the system survey; 770 parent/guardian, 583 employee, 13 student, 9 CSPC, 33 general public, 31 did not identify.
6. Of the employee respondents 338 were teachers and 245 were non-teaching.

7. The survey affirmed Student Wellbeing and Early Intervention as priorities of significant importance. Curriculum, Technology and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion were also strongly represented as key themes.
8. Common comments also included Faith Formation, safe and clean schools, maintaining Educational Assistants, Child and Youth Workers and Social Workers, resumption of Extra-curricular activities, literacy and numeracy programs, digital resources and supports for marginalized communities.
9. Feedback from SEAC, CPIC and CSLIT reinforced the above priorities.
10. Specifically, SEAC did not want to see a reduction in service levels due to the significant decline in enrolment and funding levels.
11. CPIC requested timely communication with parents of any changes in staffing levels and minimal disruption in September after students have started school.
12. CSLIT was highly focused on Equity based initiatives including mandatory training for all staff. Access to system programs and secondary transportation were also raised as topics for future consideration.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Staff carefully considered all stakeholder input in the formation of the budget.
2. The 2022-23 Preliminary Budget Plan reflects stakeholder identified priorities.
3. Stakeholder engagement will remain a priority for staff throughout the year.

F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the information of the Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee.