



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF TRESPASS POLICY S.S. 14

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Romans 5:15

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Ann Andrachuk, Chair, Governance and Policy Committee Loretta Notten, Superintendent Governance and Policy		

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 rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



Members of the Committee:

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Maria Rizzo, Trustee Ward 5
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A. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board approve the revised policy S.S. 14, as found in Appendix A, with the following amendments:

- a) That Regulation 13.I to include “The principal will respond within 14 days upon receipt of the appeal.”
- b) That Regulation 13.V and 13.VI be revised as summative statements as opposed to steps and processes.
- c) That the paragraph in Regulation 13.VI, the word ‘promptly’ be replaced with ‘2 Business Days’.

B. ORIGIN

At the Nov 5th, 2014 meeting of the Student Achievement, trustees directed staff to explore “*what can be done to support our school communities and staff and that staff bring back the Policy on Protocol and Trespass Orders as part of the report coming back*” and “*that the report that comes back as a result of the delegations, there be a draft policy outlining protocol for issuing trespass notice and an appeal process.*”

Upon receipt of that report at Board on April 23rd, 2015, trustees directed that staff bring back a draft policy re issuing of a trespass order and a draft policy re the appeal process, which was to be vetted first by the Governance and Policy Committee.

C. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September 2014 the Board of Trustees passed a revised Trespass Policy S.S. 14. Regulation 474 of the *Education Act* in collaboration with the *Trespass to Property Act*, authorizes principals to ensure the safety of their school community and authorizes the principal to respond to those individuals who are perceived to pose a threat to the safety of any member of the school community. The Trespass Policy is tightly connected to the Access to Schools Policy S.S. 04.

After being redirected back to the Governance and Policy Committee, the policy was reviewed at both the May 19th, 2015 and June 9th, 2015

committee meetings. Conversation at Governance in May included commentary about the role of trustees in an appeal. There is no formal role in law and the ultimate decision resides with the principal. There was concern that parents and stakeholders need an avenue for appeal. The channels and individuals who can be pursued for assistance in a progressive, stepped manner, were reviewed. It was felt that some of the language and commentary that was present in the cover report, should also find itself in the policy. There was also a recommendation to consider the interval at which a trespass notice could be reviewed. Discussion in June centred on timelines for response. The policy as amended was passed unanimously.

D. APPENDICES

1. Appendix A: Revised Trespass Policy S.S. 14
2. Appendix B: Report to Governance Committee on Application of Trespass Policy S.S. 14.

E. MOTIONS

That the board approve the revised Trespass Policy S.S. 14.

The Motion carried as amended.