



REPORT TO

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

### RATIFICATION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE NOMINEES

*"DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN LIFE, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY."  
1 TIMOTHY 4:12*

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<b>RECOMMENDATION REPORT</b>		

#### 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.*



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## A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As per the Board policy T.02, there is an annual election process for the selection of two Student Trustees. 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. Nine applications from students, who met the qualifications required by the policy, were received prior to the deadline. Six student applicants are currently in grade 10 and three student applicants are currently in grade 11. Based on the election held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, Allison Gacad, student at St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School and Karina Dubrovskaya, student at Bishop Allen Academy Catholic Secondary School are nominated for ratification by the Board of Trustees. As per the new policy, student trustees will serve two successive one-year terms. The 2015 Student Trustee election is a transition year for the new policy and requires that two trustees be elected, one currently in their second year of secondary school and the second trustee in their third year of secondary school. The report is being brought forward in order to complete the election/ratification process and to allow the Student Trustees elect to commence their orientation immediately.

## B. PURPOSE

Approval of student trustees' appointment process required under Board Policy T.02, Student Trustee (Appendix A).

## C. BACKGROUND

1. A notice was sent to all secondary school Principals and Vice Principals on February 24, 2015 outlining the election process for student trustee (Appendix B). Included in the notice was an explanation of the rights and responsibilities associated with the role of a student trustee (Appendix C). In addition, the administration team received an application form for a second year secondary student (Appendix D) and a third year secondary student (Appendix E) as per the new policy. Subsequent to that notice the student trustee election process was outlined with CSLIT members and a meet the candidates' night was hosted by CSLIT on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. A reminder e-mail was sent to all secondary school Principals and Vice Principals by Student Trustee McGroarty outlining the voting process and a list of candidates.

2. The nine applicants who appeared on the ballot were:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>School:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>
Karina Dubrovskaya	Bishop Allen	10
Ahsas Nagee	Michael Power/St. Joseph's	10
Gabriella Bunag	Senator O'Connor	10
Anthony Yacob	Brebeuf College	10
Aloysius Wong	St. Michael's Choir	10
Priscilla Daniel	Notre Dame	10

<b>Name:</b>	<b>School:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>
Jordan Nigro	Cardinal Carter	11
Meghan Lyz Garvida	Jean Vanier	11
Allison Gacad	St. John Paul II	11

3. The term for the current student trustees Hannah McGroarty and Chris MacDonald ends July 31, 2015. Both current student trustees will be graduating and therefore are ineligible for a second term.
4. The delegates of Student Councils representing twenty four TCDSB secondary schools met on April 21, 2015 at the Catholic Education Centre. 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 was permitted to give a 3 minute speech. The question period and the prepared speech were completed with the absence of their fellow candidates. The voting was conducted using an alternative voting process outlined prior to the vote.
5. The counting of the votes was conducted by Hannah McGroarty and Chris MacDonald and witnessed by Greg Rogers.
6. If the Board of Trustees ratifies the appointment of the Student Trustees elect, they will be officially notified by letter and appropriate announcements will be made within the TCDSB as well as to all Student Council representatives, the Ontario Catholic Student Council Federation, and the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association. Letters of appreciation will also be sent to those student trustee candidates who put their name forward. Briefing sessions and arrangements for equipping the new Student Trustees will be set up prior to the start of their term on August 1, 2015.
7. If the Board of Trustees appoints the Student Trustees elect, they will have the opportunity to attend several Board Standing Committee meetings and regular Board meetings, prior to officially taking office as student trustees. This appointment will allow for a transition period from May 2015 to July 31, 2015.

#### **D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Board of Trustees appoint Allison Gacad from St. John Paul II Catholic Secondary School as Student Trustee for the term August 1, 2015 through to July 31, 2016.
2. That the Board of Trustees appoint Karina Dubrovskaya from Bishop Allen Academy Catholic Secondary School as Student Trustee for the term August 1, 2015 through to July 31, 2017.

