



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL
BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEEMETRICS REPORT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT
COUNCILS, POLICY S.10

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”
Proverbs 22:6

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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

This report details the activities and invaluable contributions of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Catholic School Parent Councils (CSPCs) during the 2022-2023 academic year. It summarizes staff engagement and learning opportunities extended to parents / guardians and Catholic School Parent Councils.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 10 hours

B. PURPOSE

The primary objective of this report is to adhere to the TCDSB Catholic School Parent Council Policy, Section 10, ensuring compliance with the metrics requirement. This annual report aims to assess the Councils' efforts in supporting student achievement and well-being at all TCDSB schools.

C. BACKGROUND

1. Aligned with Ontario Regulation 612 on School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees, [Catholic] school councils strive to enhance pupil achievement and increase parental accountability within the education system.
2. The TCDSB's Parent Engagement Department plays a pivotal role in guiding and supporting Catholic School Parent Councils and staff, promoting effective parent engagement.
3. Collaboration with TCDSB's Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) and the Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education - Toronto (OAPCE Toronto) ensures maximum support to local Catholic School Parent Councils.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) Annual Activity and Financial Report

- In the 2022-2023 academic year, all TCDSB schools had an active Catholic School Parent Council.
- Consistent with Ontario Regulation 612, s.24 (1) and (2), which mandates every school council to submit an annual report on its activities, including a financial report, 188 school councils adhered to regulatory and Policy S. 10 requirements by submitting a CSPC annual report to the Board.
- Appendix A highlights the reports submitted for the 2022-2023 academic year.

- Reimbursement procedures for parent councils have been streamlined thus promoting faster processing times and prompt financial support for school-based initiatives in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

- The Ministry allocated \$102,000 in Parent Reaching Out grant funding (PRO) to TCDSB in 2022-2023.
- In partnership with the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC), the Parent Engagement Department developed a streamlined application and reporting process for all schools. A summary of initiatives can be found in Appendix B
- For 2022-2023, 124 school councils successfully applied for and completed a PRO grant to support local parent engagement initiatives.
- Additionally, unutilized PRO grant funds from schools were strategically redirected to purchase additional books, enriching all schools' parent lending libraries.

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Grant

- The Ministry of Education provides an annual allocation of funds to each school board, earmarked to support local CSPCs in their school-based parent engagement initiatives.
- In September, each school received the annual PIC grant of \$500.00, contributing to initiatives to enhance parent engagement and involvement. Appendix C provides a detailed school breakdown of the utilization and accumulated available balances for the 2023-2024 academic year.

System Activities Supporting and Promoting Parent Leadership

- CSPC members and members of school administrative teams received virtual training on CSPC Executive roles, strategic use of PIC and PRO grants, and the Annual CSPC Activity & Financial Report.
- Speaker and resource lists highlighting best practices were created for local schools to plan PRO and PIC grant initiatives.
- Collaborative outreach improved two-way communication with parents through the Parent Engagement Department, CSPC, CPIC, and OAPCE.
- CSPC SharePoint site updates provided valuable resources for CSPC Chairs.
- Newly elected CSPC Chairs received TCDSB-designed email credentials for better Board communication and access to internal CSPC sites.

- IT support with assigned credentials and Zoom licenses were made available to all CSPC Chairs.
- The Parent Engagement Department sent regular email reminders and resources to ensure awareness of CSPC operational requirements.
- Parent engagement was a recurring topic in monthly K-12 Principal meetings.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. The annual report of CSPC activities will serve as an assessment of the work of our CSPCs to support student achievement and well-being at TCDSB schools.
2. The Parent Engagement Department, in consultation with the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) and the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education –Toronto (OAPCE), will prepare a CSPC Policy Metric Report on an annual basis, to assess the effectiveness of parent engagement strategies in consideration of the Multi Year Strategic Plan (MYSP).
3. The utilization of parent engagement funds, such as the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Grant and the Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grant, if applicable, will be monitored.

F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the information of the Board of Trustees.