

OUR MISSION

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

OUR VISION

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL (VIRTUAL) MEETING OF THE
TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION**

HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

PRESENT:

Trustees:

N. Crawford, Chair
M. de Domenico, Vice-Chair – Virtual
F. D’Amico - Virtual
A. Kennedy
K. Morrison
M. Rizzo
G. Tanuan - Virtual

Student Trustees:

D. Beshai - Virtual
J. Goodluck

Staff:

B. Browne
D. Boyce
A. Ceddia
S. Campbell
M. Caccamo
S. Vlahos

S. Harris, Recording Secretary
S. Hinds-Barnett, Assistant Recording Secretary

External Guest:

A. Robertson, Parliamentarian

5. Roll Call and Apologies

An apology was extended on behalf of Trustee Martino. Trustees Del Grande, Di Giorgio, Li Preti and Lubinski were absent.

6. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the Agenda be approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

9. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

17. Reports of Officials Requiring Action of the Board of Trustees

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that Item 17a) be adopted as follows:

17a) Proposal to Partner with the Toronto Youth Cabinet (TYC) and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) to Advocate to the City of Toronto regarding Budget (Verbal) - Nancy Crawford, Trustee Ward 12:

WHEREAS: The Toronto Youth Cabinet is the City of Toronto's official youth advocacy body established by Toronto City Council, with the mandate of advocating on behalf of Toronto's over 623,000 youth;

WHEREAS: The City of Toronto has released its draft 2024 Budget, and is inviting the public to comment throughout the month of January;

WHEREAS: Youth unemployment rates continue to rise, and Toronto and the GTA are seeing increased youth violence;

WHEREAS: Toronto continues to need increased youth programming and support for community organizations for children and youth;

WHEREAS: The Toronto Youth Cabinet held numerous budget consultations engaging hundreds of youth across Toronto on what they would like to see in the budget; and

WHEREAS: In acknowledging the City of Toronto's budget constraints, it is crucial that Toronto's youth are prioritized and meaningfully supported in the 2024 Budget to ensure the long-term prosperity of Toronto.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) support and endorse a youth friendly City of Toronto 2024 budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

(a) The Chair of the TCDSB and the Toronto Youth Cabinet send a joint statement to the Mayor of Toronto and Toronto City Councillors focusing on the prioritization of youth in the Toronto Budget that includes the following:

- i. Declare and stress the exceptional challenges faced by children and youth in Toronto, as well as the critical importance of investments required to support their well-being so that all children and youth achieve their full potential;
- ii. Call on the Mayor and all Members of City Council to prioritize youth in the 2024 Budget, requesting that they make necessary and urgent investments in children and youth; and
- iii. Highlight and affirm areas where efforts and investment are essential, including youth employment, youth hubs, food insecurity, transit affordability, childcare, before and after school programs, mental health, transitional housing for youth experiencing homelessness, and community safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

(b) The Toronto District School Board be requested to join with the Toronto Catholic District School Board to endorse a youth friendly City of Toronto 2024 budget through a joint statement with Toronto Youth Cabinet;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Communication Department issue the joint statement in consultation with other parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

(c) Toronto's City Manager and Chief Financial Officer be copied on the correspondence.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Kennedy
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

23. Adjournment

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that the meeting be adjourned.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
D'Amico
de Domenico
Kennedy
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Student Trustees Beshai and Goodluck wished to be recorded as voted in favour.

SECRETARY

CHAIR