



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL
BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEERATIFICATION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE NOMINEE
2024-2026

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” ~ Colossians 3:12

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Meeting Date

April 30, 2024

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RECOMMENDATION 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

As per Board policy T.02, there is an annual election process for the selection of a new Student Trustee. 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. The student trustee will serve two successive one-year terms.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 3 hours

B. PURPOSE

1. This report is on the Order Paper of the Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee for the approval of the Student Trustee appointment required under Board policy T.02, Student Trustee.

C. BACKGROUND

1. A notice was sent to all secondary school Principals and Vice Principals on March 6th, 2024, outlining the election process for Student Trustee.
 - a. Included in the notice was an explanation of the rights and responsibilities associated with the role of a Student Trustee.
 - b. The administration team also received an application form for a second-year secondary student (grade 10) as per the policy.
2. The Student Trustee election process was outlined with Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team (CSLIT) members at the Student Council Central meeting on December 15, 2023, and at the CSLIT General Assembly meeting on February 18, 2024.
3. CSLIT uploaded social media content and a video introducing each candidate throughout the month of April to provide the general assembly more information about each candidate before the April 24, 2024 election.
4. An email was sent out to all secondary school Principals and Vice-Principals outlining the voting process and a list of candidates for the position on April 15th, 2024.
5. The term for the current Student Trustee David Beshai ends July 31, 2024.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The candidate names that appeared on the ballot were:

Name	School	Grade
Sebastian Dubrovskiy	Bishop Allen Academy	10
Niccolo Di Maria	Brebeuf College	10
Madison Okrainec	Father John Redmond	10
Abigail Girum	Francis Liberman	10
Eun Soo Lee	Loretto Abbey	10
Alex Binotto	Loretto College	10
Ruben Da Silveira	Marshall McLuhan	10
Luke Florence Titic	Mary Ward	10
Alexandr Kis	Michael Power/St. Joseph	10
Simon Day	Neil McNeil	10
Jana Sophia Hernandez	St. Basil-The-Great College	10
Nilakshi Kiritharan	St. Joan of Arc	10
Jemima Makolo	St. John Paul II	10
Gavin Guo	Senator O'Connor College	10

2. Student leaders from across the TCDSB met on April 24th, 2024, at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts Secondary School for their monthly CSLIT general assembly meeting. The general assembly meeting opened with a welcome from CSLIT executive, highlighting the importance of the student body electing the next student trustee.
- All candidates had the opportunity to address the general assembly with a 4-minute speech which included candidate goals, qualifications, and experience related to student leadership and the position of student trustee.
 - Individual candidates participated in a question-and-answer session conducted by the current student trustees. Each candidate answered identical questions. Candidates not being asked direct questions waited

in a separate room unable to hear what questions were being asked without access to their phones.

- Each school was given one ballot.
 - In order for the election to be valid, at least 17 schools must participate in the vote, as per TCDSB policy.
 - Voting was conducted using the [Alternative Vote](#) process outlined prior to the vote.
3. The counting of the votes was conducted by the Catholic Student Leadership Resource Teacher. The current student trustees witnessed the counting of the ballots.
4. When the Board of Trustees ratifies the appointment of the Student Trustee elect:
- The successful candidate will be officially notified by letter;
 - Appropriate announcements will be made within the TCDSB;
 - Notifications will be sent to all Student Council representatives, the Ontario Catholic Student Council Federation, and the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association;
 - Letters of appreciation will be sent to those Student Trustee candidates who put their name forward;
 - Prior to the start of their term on August 1, 2024, briefing sessions and arrangements for providing equipment to the new Student Trustees will occur;
 - The newly elected student trustee will have the opportunity to attend several Board Standing Committee meetings and regular Board meetings, prior to officially taking office as Student Trustee;
 - This appointment will allow for a transition period from May 2024 to July 31, 2024.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees appoint Ruben Da Silveira from Marshall McLuhan Catholic Secondary School as Student Trustee for the term August 1, 2024, through to July 31, 2026.