

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.



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To: Regular Board Meeting, November 21, 2024

From: Angela Kennedy, Trustee Ward 11

Subject: Consideration of Motion regarding Parliamentarian Services

MOVED BY: Trustee Angela Kennedy, Toronto Catholic District School Board

SECONDED BY: Trustee Nancy Crawford

WHEREAS: The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is the largest publicly funded Catholic Board in the province of Ontario and in Canada;

WHEREAS: TCDSB must make decisions in compliance with many pieces of legislation including the Education Act, the Constitution of Canada, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Ontario Human Rights Code, Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church, and our own By-law 175;

WHEREAS: Governance by Roberts Rules is complex and requires expertise in many instances;

WHEREAS: If the TCDSB makes a decision inappropriately it could be challenged by a ratepayer, or in court, or by the Ministry of Education;

WHEREAS: We have an obligation to our voters, parents, students and staff to govern without error and in accordance with the highest standards of governance;

WHEREAS: Governing according to the expected standard rules is understood by everyone to be fair and equitable; and

WHEREAS: Conditions arise at Board meetings or at Committee Meetings of the Board when the services of a Parliamentarian would be advantageous to deal with complex or contentious issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Staff investigate the times when the interventions of a Parliamentarian have been most helpful in previous meetings of the Board or its Committees, categorize those interventions, and bring a report to December Board proposing an economically feasible way to procure the services of a Parliamentarian for situations categorized as high priority.

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