



REPORT TO

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

METRICS REPORT OF CSPC, POLICY S.10

*"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."
— Ephesians 6:4*

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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.*



IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023-2024 academic year showcased the dedication and impact of the Toronto Catholic District School Board's (TCDSB) Catholic School Parent Councils (CSPCs) in fostering parent engagement, supporting student well-being, and promoting equity and academic achievement. This report presents an overview of CSPC activities, highlighting successful engagement initiatives, financial contributions through grants and fundraising initiatives, and compliance with the Policy S.10 guidelines.

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

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this annual report is to assess CSPC efforts in alignment with Ontario Regulation 612 on School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees, with an emphasis on enhancing student achievement, reinforcing parental accountability, and fostering community growth within the TCDSB.

C. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

Metrics relating to Catholic School Parent Council activity and compliance

Council Representation: All TCDSB schools maintained active councils, adhering to the requirements set out in Ontario Regulation 612 and TCDSB Policy S.10.

Parent Representation: 75% of councils achieved the required number of parent representatives as specified in local by-laws with the residual implementing local strategies to work toward this goal.

CSPC Elections: 100% of councils held elections within the mandated timeframe of 30 days after the school year began, with 100% providing prior notice to parents.

Meeting Requirements: 100% of councils held the required number of meetings throughout the school year. Notably, 90% communicated meeting details on school websites, with 80% providing agendas and draft minutes to the school community in advance of each meeting. (Appendix A).

Metrics relating to parent engagement and financial contributions

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and Parent Reaching Out (PRO)

Grants: In 2023/2024, 72% of councils utilized PIC and/or PRO funds for parent engagement workshops.

Themes for these workshops addressed:

- Well-being: Sessions on mental health, resilience, and social media safety.
- Academic Support: Workshops on supporting student learning at home and adapting to curriculum changes.
- Equity and Inclusion: Educational presentations on equity, anti-racism, and social inclusion.
- Workshops on parenting strategies, student mental health, online safety, and navigating the curriculum.

The use of funds was closely aligned with school improvement and equity goals and best practices continue to be shared with all school administrators and their CSPC Chairs to enhance grant utilization rates.

Fundraising Initiatives: 93% of councils conducted fundraising activities, supporting various initiatives such as:

- Student Learning Resources: 55% contributed towards supplementary learning materials.
- Extra-curricular Activities: 78% supported student engagement through extracurricular activities and field trips.
- Community Building Events: 85% contributed to student celebrations and community events.

Metrics relating to CSPC member training and resources

The Parent Engagement Department provided CSPC members with resources, including virtual training sessions on CSPC governance and effective grant utilization. New members received email credentials, and access to updated SharePoint resources. Monthly meetings included parent engagement topics, ensuring alignment with board-wide objectives.

D. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Parent Engagement Department will continue to monitor the efficacy of parent engagement initiatives, aligning outcomes with TCDSB's Multi-Year Strategic Plan. The annual reporting of CSPC activities serves as an assessment tool for the Board of Trustees, providing accountability and insights into the influence of CSPCs on the educational experience within the TCDSB.

E. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

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