

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 POLITICAL ACTION AD HOC MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

PRESENT:

Trustees:

A. Kennedy, Chair
M. Rizzo, Vice-Chair
N. Crawford – Ex-Officio
K. Morrison - Virtual
G. Tanuan - Virtual

Staff:

D. Boyce
F. Cifelli
M. Loberto
S. Vlahos
M. Zlomislic

S. Hinds-Barnett, Acting Recording Secretary
A. Finniss, Assistant Recording Secretary

External Guest:

A. Robertson, Parliamentarian

3. Roll Call and Apologies

Trustee de Domenico was absent.

5. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the Agenda be approved, with the exception of Item 14a) Chronology of Child Care Projects and Alternative Funding Options for Gym Projects.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

7. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

9. Approval and Signing of Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that the Minutes of the Meeting held January 22, 2024 be approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

13. Matters Referred/Deferred from Committees/Board

From the January 11, 2024 Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee Meeting and the January 22, 2024 Political Ad Hoc Committee Meeting:

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

13a) Annual Report on the Accessibility Standards Policy (A.35):

1) WHEREAS: Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) does not have an Accessibility Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS: A TCDSB Accessibility Advisory Committee can provide advice on the elimination of barriers faced by people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: The committee can also provide advice about the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards and the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of accessibility reports as required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That a TCDSB Accessibility Committee be formed made up of Trustees, external agencies and appropriate staff. (Membership to represent a broad range of roles in the organization and people with lived experiences of disability).

2) WHEREAS: Strategies for compliance require allocations of human and financial resources to strategically support the Board's efforts to meet compliance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Director of Education examine:

a) The feasibility of establishing a dedicated permanent team with expertise in accessibility, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) legislation, inclusive communications, training and digital accessibility; and

b) Accessibility criteria to be incorporated when procuring or acquiring goods and services, or in the capital improvement of facilities, playgrounds and outdoor spaces.

3) That the Political Action Ad Hoc Committee be directed to consider the Annual Report on the Accessibility Standards (A.35) and the amendments in order to advocate for additional funding received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Morrison, that the Political Ad Hoc Committee recommend to Board that communication be sent from the Chair of the Board to the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, the Ministry of Education, the Treasury Board and the Premiere of Ontario regarding dedicated funding to upgrade our existing facilities to ensure all Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Students, staff and families have accessibility. An Appendix will be attached with a list of Schools that require upgrades.

Results of the Vote taken on the AMENDMENT, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
Kennedy
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The AMENDMENT was declared

CARRIED

Resolve into PRIVATE Session

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the meeting resolve into PRIVATE Session.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Opposed

Trustees Crawford
Kennedy
Morrison
Rizzo
Tanuan

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR