



**REPORT TO**

**REGULAR BOARD**

## REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE POLICY T. 20

*Let every soul be subject to the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Romans 13: 1-7*

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Ann Andrachuk, Chair, Governance and Policy Committee  
Loretta Notten, Superintendent Governance and Policy

### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Vision:**

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

**Mission:**

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



**Members of the Committee:**

Ann Andrachuk, Chair  
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## **A. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board approve the new policy T. 20 Governance, as found in Appendix A, with the following amendments:

- a) Under “Policy” include the statement: In their role as governors of the TCDSB, Trustees will abide faithfully by the teachings of the magisterium and uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church in our schools.
- b) In Regulation 16, revise to include all Terms of Reference from the Governance Committee
- c) Include a new regulation between Regulations 7 and 8 (thus a new #8) that takes the language of Regulation 218.1 (e) out of (now) Regulation 9 and leaves it as a stand-alone regulation.
- d) Under “Legal Impact” – add the words “*denominational rights and*” the duties of “*Catholic*” school boards.

## **B. ORIGIN**

Arising from January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 report to Board on the TCDSB Considerations and Proposed Plan for Effective Governance Plan, the following motion was approved:

*Development and implementation of a TCDSB Governance Policy to be referred to the Governance and Policy committee.*

## **C. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Board of Trustees considered a proposed plan for effective Governance and resolved that the TCDSB should develop and implement a Governance Policy. Governance provides a framework and a process for the allocation of decision-making powers. At the core, when a board practices good governance, then the larger vision and mission of the system will be served. The governance policy ensures that the structure of the board provides trustees the ability to take ownership of the planning, policy and decisions legislated to them through the *Education Act*. Similarly, it also ensures that the Director of Education, and by extension his or her staff, have responsibility for the implementation of all policy and planning.

Conversation at Governance included commentary about the role of trustees as upholders of the faith and Catholic Church in our schools. It was also felt that the full Terms of Reference from the Governance Committee should be included in the policy as opposed to a synopsis of the functions of the committee. There was also some discussion about the role of the Chair and how trustees must support the will of the full Board. The policy was passed unanimously.

## **D. APPENDICES**

1. Appendix A: New Governance Policy T. 20
2. Appendix B: Report to Governance on New Governance Policy T. 20.

## **E. MOTIONS**

That the board approve the New T. 20 Governance Policy.

*Motion carried as amended.*