



REPORT TO

SPECIAL BOARD

## REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE ON META POLICY (M.01)

*“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”*

*1 John 5:3*

Created, Draft	First Tabling	Review
January 27, 2016	February 24, 2016	
Maria Rizzo, Chair, Governance and Policy Committee Caitlin Kavanagh, Sr. Manager, Employee Relations & Policy Development		
<b>RECOMMENDATION REPORT</b>		

### 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:

Maria Rizzo, Chair  
 Nancy Crawford, Vice Chair  
 Jo-Ann Davis, Trustee Ward 9  
 Angela Kennedy, Ex-Officio  
 Frank D'Amico, Ex-Officio

## **A. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board approve the revised M.01 Meta Policy with the following amendments:

1. That the financial and legal impact be removed from the Policy and be contained in the report that accompanies the policy.
2. That numbers 4 and 5 listed under “The recommended draft policy and associated regulations” be removed.
3. That the definition of Policy Purpose be “explains the reason for the existence of the policy”
4. Under Regulation 1 add Students to the list of those who can identify a policy issue.
5. Under Regulation 1(b) to add the words “within 30 days of receipt, where practicable” at the end.
6. Under Policy Development Process (2) add “to include comparisons of practices and policies in other jurisdictions, where possible.

## **B. ORIGIN**

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Regular Board as it recommends a policy revision.

## **C. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Governance and Policy Committee reviewed the policy at the January 27, 2016 committee meeting. Trustees wanted to ensure that while considered by staff in policy reports, financial and legal impact sections were to be removed as standing sections of future policies. Trustees also requested that students be added to the list of who may initiate or identify policy issues. Other amendments included a thirty day timeline from receipt to response for the Director, where practicable; considering practices and policies of other jurisdictions when bringing forward reports; changing “should” to “shall” regarding a link to the reports to be posted on the website and changing the definition of Policy Purpose to “Explains the reason for the existence of the policy.” The policy as amended was passed unanimously.

## **D. APPENDICES**

1. Appendix A: Revised Meta Policy (M.01)
2. Appendix B: Report to Governance Committee on Meta Policy (M.01)

## **E. MOTIONS**

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