



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

UPDATE TO 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

December 1, 2015

First Tabling

December 7, 2015

Review

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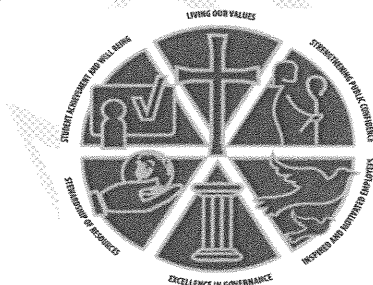
RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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.



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Associate Director of Academic Affairs

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Director of Education

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends revisions to Meta Policy M.01.

B. PURPOSE

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of Governance and Policy Committee due to a recommended policy revision.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The Meta Policy was originally created in February 1983 and last amended by the Board of Trustees in March 2012, providing a framework by which all subsequent policy revision was to be guided.
2. On January 31, 2013, the Board adopted a framework for policy review that consisted of the following action: REVISE the policy because: the policy and regulation statements need to be re-written to accurately reflect the TCDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan and conform with the meta policy template.
3. The policy was to be reviewed in 2013, but has yet to be reviewed.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The current Meta Policy M.01 is not in the current meta policy template.
2. A side-by-side of the current policy and the proposed policy is attached as APPENDIX A.
3. A "Purpose" section is added to state: "The purpose of this policy is to guide the development, review, revision and implementation of all policies, guidelines and procedures of the Toronto Catholic District School Board."
4. A comprehensive "Definitions" section is added to clarify components of all policies.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Recommendations in this report will be monitored through policy development.

2. Further reports to Board regarding recommended changes or updates to the policy will be brought as deemed necessary.

**F. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS
AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

1. Staff will post the approved updated policy to the TCDSB policy register.

G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board revise Meta Policy (M.01) as amended and proposed in Appendix A.

APPENDIX B

CURRENT POLICY**TCDSB Policy Register****Meta Policy M.01**

Date Approved: March 20, 2012-Board	Policy Review Cycle: 2013	Dates of Amendment: January 26, 2012- board February 17, 1983
Cross Reference:		

PROPOSED POLICY**TCDSB Policy Register**

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to guide the development, review, revision and implementation of all policies, guidelines and procedures of the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Policy

The Board of Trustees is responsible for development of policy and the Director of Education is responsible for the implementation of policy.

Scope and Responsibility:

This policy applies to all policies, guidelines and procedures of the Toronto Catholic District School Board. The Board of Trustees is responsible for development of policy and the Director of Education is responsible for the implementation of policy.

Alignment with MYSP:

Living Our Catholic values

Strengthening Public Confidence

Fostering Student Achievement and Well-Being

Achieving Excellence in Governance

Providing Stewardship of Resources

Inspiring and Motivating Employees

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3. Policy Refinement and Approval

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Definitions:

Cross References

Includes any direct linkages to statutory and regulatory legislation and by-laws of the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Governments and their associated bodies, as well as any related Board policies and procedures.

Definitions

Specific meanings for any terms within the policy that require further explanation or represent professional terms which would not normally be used by stakeholders.

Global Definitions

'*May*' is used as an enabling term to describe a discretionary action.

'*Should*' is used to describe a recommendation that is encouraged, but not mandated.

'*Must/Will/Shall*' is used to describe a requirement, a mandatory action.

Meta Policy

The overarching and foundational framework that shall govern the development of all Board policies, guidelines and procedures.

Policy

A position approved and adopted by the Board that provides the framework for the development of a course of action.

Policy Guideline

A general recommended action, approved and adopted by the Board, that will be taken in a given situation. A framework for the development of operational policy procedures, if required.

Policy Purpose

Clarifies the background or scope of the policy.

Policy Regulations

A specific or prescribed course of action, emanating from Board policy, that must be taken by staff in a given situation and be standard operational practice.

A standard operational practice or set of practices developed by Staff, approved by the Director of Education, to support the implementation of a policy.

Policy Statement

States the ‘intent’ of the policy.

Evaluation and Metrics:

The effectiveness of the policy will be determined by measuring the following:

1. The Governance and Policy standing Committee of the Board will manage and monitor policy development and report to the Board as necessary in order to sure this policy is complied with.