



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS S.S. 03 POLICY

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18

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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:

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Mike Del Grande, Trustee Ward 7
Gary Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8
Jo-Ann Davis, Trustee Ward 9
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A. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board approve the revised S.S.03 Alcohol and Other Drugs policy as found in Appendix A.

B. ORIGIN

1. Board policies must be aligned with all changes in legislation. As part of our review of the TCDSB Policy register, our policies for Safe Schools, and for Alcohol and Other Drugs in particular, have been revised to reflect the recent legislative requirements and the goals of our Multi-year Strategic Plan. Student statistics reflect some prevalence of offences related to alcohol and drugs in youth culture and thus it is important to consider both proactive education and appropriate disciplinary responses when such matters arise. Proactive curriculum delivery, supported by a cross-disciplinary team approach, has been successful in helping to reduce the number of related offences.

C. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The conduct of students, supported by family, school and parish, is expected to be modelled upon Christ. It is the job of the school to provide both proactive education and an appropriate disciplinary response when conduct falls below the above standard. The prevalence of alcohol and drugs in youth culture invites our Catholic School communities to shine a particular focus on these issues. Our current TCDSB policy related to Alcohol and Other Drugs requires revision to be consistent with both our Multi-Year Strategic Plan and with updates in current Safe Schools' legislation and TCDSB policies. There was no discussion on this policy at Governance and it was passed unanimously.

D. APPENDICES

1. Appendix A: Revised Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy S.S. 03
2. Appendix B: Report to Governance on revised Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy S.S. 03.

E. MOTIONS

That the board approve the revised S.S. 03 Alcohol and Other Drugs policy.

Motion carried.