



REPORT TO

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND
WELL BEING, CATHOLIC
EDUCATION AND HUMAN
RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**RATIFICATION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE
NOMINEE 2016-2018**

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and purity."
1 Timothy 4:12*

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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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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As per Board policy T.02, there is an annual election process for the selection of a new Student Trustee. Policy T.02 was revised and approved by the Board of Trustees on February 19, 2015. Invitations for nominations for the position of Student Trustee were sent to all TCDSB secondary schools. As per the new policy, student trustees will serve two successive one-year terms. The 2016 Student Trustee election is a first election year for the new policy and requires that one second year secondary student be elected. The report is being brought forward in order to complete the election/ratification process and to allow the Student Trustee elect to commence their orientation immediately.

B. PURPOSE

Approval of the Student Trustee appointment required under Board policy T.02, Student Trustee (Appendix A).

C. BACKGROUND

A notice was sent to all secondary school Principals and Vice Principals on February 23, 2016 outlining the election process for Student Trustee (Appendix B). Included in the notice was an explanation of the rights and responsibilities associated with the role of a Student Trustee (Appendix C). The administration team also received an application form for a second year secondary student as per the new policy (Appendix D). Subsequent to that notice the Student Trustee election process was outlined with CSLIT members and a “Meet the Candidates” night was hosted by CSLIT on Tuesday, March 29, 2016. A reminder e-mail was sent by Greg Rogers to all secondary school Principals and Vice Principals outlining the voting process and included a list of candidates for the position.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The four applicants who appeared on the ballot were:

Name:	School:	Grade:
Stephanie De Guzman	Senator O'Connor	10
Austin Souza Mugford	Archbishop Romero	10
Inya Martin Hemming	St. Joseph's Morrow Park	10
Rheannon Carlisly	Notre Dame	10

2. The term for the current Student Trustee Alison Gacad ends July 31, 2016.
3. The delegates of Student Councils representing twenty four TCDSB secondary schools met on April 26, 2016 at the Catholic Education Centre. Following the welcome and an opening address by the CSLIT executive, each candidate gave a verbal presentation on their qualifications, experience and goals related to the position of student trustee. Individual candidates participated in a question and answer session with the CSLIT membership. Each candidate was permitted to give a 3 minute speech. The question period and the prepared speech were completed with the absence of their fellow candidates. The voting was conducted using an alternative voting process outlined prior to the vote.
4. The counting of the votes was conducted by current Student Trustees Alison Gacad and Karina Dubrovskaya and witnessed by Greg Rogers.
5. If the Board of Trustees ratifies the appointment of the Student Trustee elect, they will be officially notified by letter and appropriate announcements will be made within the TCDSB as well as to all Student Council representatives, the Ontario Catholic Student Council Federation, and the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association. Letters of appreciation will also be sent to those Student Trustee candidates who put their name forward. Briefing sessions and arrangements for equipping the new Student Trustees will be set up prior to the start of their term on August 1, 2016.
6. If the Board of Trustees appoints the Student Trustee elect, they will have the opportunity to attend several Board Standing Committee meetings and regular Board meetings, prior to officially taking office as Student Trustee.

This appointment will allow for a transition period from May 2016 to July 31, 2016.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees appoint Rheannon Carlisly from Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School as Student Trustee for the term August 1, 2016 through to July 31, 2018.