



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION REGARDING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

*Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in abundance of counsellors, there is safety.
Proverbs 11:14*

Created, Draft	First Tabling	Review
February 17, 2015	March 26, 2015	
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
Angela Kennedy, Vice Chair
Maria Rizzo, Trustee Ward 5
Mike Del Grande, Trustee Ward 7
Gary Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8
Jo-Ann Davis, Trustee Ward 9
Nancy Crawford, Ex-Officio

A. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

At the February 17th, 2015 Governance and Policy Committee, staff were directed to:

1. Include the City Wards and the Trustee Wards
2. Include the Board logo at the top

At the March 10th, 2015 Governance and Policy Committee, staff were directed to:

1. Select the white background version of “Roles and Duties of Trustees”

B. ORIGIN

On January 28th, 2015 the Board approved a staff report that presented *Considerations and a Proposed Plan for Effective Governance*. Amongst the recommendations in the report was the development of a Communication “Trustee Mailer” that would highlight the role of Trustees and what TCDSB aspires to when we use the term “Good Governance”, consistent with our Multi-Year Strategic Plan priority of “*Excellence in Governance*”.

C. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Excellence in Governance is one of six strategic priorities in our TCDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan. Sound understanding of the roles and responsibilities of Trustees and of staff is integral to a good governance model. At the February 17th, 2015 meeting of the Governance Committee trustees offered a wide array of commentary on the communication tool and staff were directed to incorporate the input received. The revised Communication Tool was created – updated both in terms of content and with two versions. The central difference being that one was primarily white and maroon in colour, the second one have some further infusion of gold colour throughout. Trustees preferred the white and maroon version and offered no further commentary on the text. Distribution is to be limited to electronic means, including an immediate release in the spring and a link in August/September mailings for the new school year.

D. APPENDICES

1. Appendix A: York Catholic Trustee Communication Tool
2. Appendix B1: TCDSB Trustee Communication Tool – Maroon and Gold
3. Appendix B2: TCDSB Trustee Communication Tool - Maroon
4. Appendix C: Original Report to Governance on Communication Regarding Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees

E. MOTIONS

That the TCDSB “Trustee Mailer” will be posted to the TCDSB Website and profiles in TCDSB communications department electronic correspondence, including Twitter, e-News, It Starts in the Schools, etcetera.

Motion as amended carried.