



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

B.G.01 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REVISED POLICY

*"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13 (NIV)*

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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 uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report identifies and recommends updates to the current Playground Equipment (B.G.01) policy to reflect updated guidelines and operational procedures.

This report further recommends the title of the policy be revised to **Outdoor Play Environment** (B.G.01) to encompass all outdoor elements of play.

The cumulative staff time dedicated to developing this report was 12 hours.
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B. PURPOSE

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee as it recommends a policy revision.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The policy was last updated and approved on February 17, 2005.
2. On September 13, 2016, Governance and Policy Committee passed the following motion: *“That we do not delete Policy B.G.01 Playground Equipment but refer it to staff to revise the policy and bring it back to Governance and Policy Committee.”*

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The scope of the policy will apply to all outdoor physical play environments including but not limited to outdoor activity equipment and play structures.
2. Funding of the equipment and structure is as follows:
 - Installation and purchase shall be through non-Facilities resources such as Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC), fundraising or municipal development funds, other external grants and/or other funding sources identified by the Board.
 - If applicable, in conjunction with a site improvement project such as asphalt re-surfacing, school yard improvements or a tree planting initiative, the site preparation work associated with a play structure

installation and/or a school yard greening project, may be funded by the Board's School Renewal program, as administered through Facilities Services, subject to Board approval of the funding through the School Renewal Program.

3. The policy addresses current recommendations by Authorities Having Jurisdiction and TCDSB policies regarding the acquisition, installation and maintenance of outdoor activity equipment and play structure.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. The recommendations in this report will be monitored through policy development staff.
2. Further reports will be brought to Board as deemed necessary.

F. IMPLEMENTATION

1. Staff will post the approved updated policy to the TCDSB policy register.
2. The amendments as approved will be communicated to relevant stakeholders.

G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Outdoor Play Environment policy B.G.01 be approved as amended and proposed in Appendix B.