

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

*“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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K. Dubrovskaya, Student Trustee  
R. Carlisle, Student Trustee

Director of Education

## **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 to allow for Student Trustees to serve two successive one-year terms. Invitations for nominations for the position of Student Trustee were sent to all TCDSB secondary schools. This report is being brought forward to complete the election/ratification process and to allow the Student Trustee elect to commence their orientation immediately.

*The Cumulative staff time dedicated to developing this report is 4 hours.*

## **B. PURPOSE**

This report is being brought forward to receive approval of the Student Trustee appointment required under Board Policy T.02, Student Trustee.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. **February 19, 2015** - Policy T.02 was revised and approved by the Board of Trustees. Student trustees will serve two successive one-year terms.
2. **March 8, 2017** - A notice was sent to all secondary school Principals and Vice Principals outlining the election process for Student Trustee (Appendix A). Included in the notice was an explanation of the rights and responsibilities associated with the role of a Student Trustee (Appendix B). Each secondary school's Administration team also received an application form for a second-year secondary student as per the new policy (T.02).
3. **March 28, 2017** – As a follow up to the notice of the election, the Student Trustee election process was further outlined with CSLIT members, and a “Meet the Candidates” night was hosted by CSLIT. Secondary school Principals and Vice Principals were reminded about the voting process and were provided a list of candidates for the position.
4. **April 26, 2017** – CSLIT hosted delegates from TCDSB secondary schools to conduct the election of Student Trustee.

## **D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

1. The term for one of the current Student Trustees, Karina Dubrovskaya, ends July 31, 2017.
2. Five current Grade 10 students from five secondary schools applied for the nomination and were selected for the ballot. They represent the following secondary schools:
  - St. John Paul II CSS
  - Brebeuf College School
  - Loretto Abbey CSS
  - Francis Libermann CSS
  - Michael Power • St. Joseph HS
3. The delegates of Student Councils representing all TCDSB secondary schools met on April 26, 2016 at the Catholic Education Centre. Following the 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. Student Trustees Karina Dubrovskaya and Rhea Carlisle served as Scrutineers for the process, as witnessed by the Student Leadership Resource Teacher, Mr. Michael Consul.
5. Once the Board of Trustees ratifies the appointment of the Student Trustee elect, the successful candidate 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.
6. Orientation sessions and arrangements for equipping the new Student Trustees will be set up prior to the start of their term on August 1, 2017.

7. Prior to the official end of her term (July 31, 2017), the currently-serving student trustee will acquaint the Student Trustee Elect with the key responsibilities of the role, share insights, and provide guidance and support. Further, on-going mentorship can be provided by the partner student trustee who is serving in the second year of her two-year term. These supports will ensure a smooth transition a smooth transition into the role and establish a collaborative working relationship allowing student trustees to serve students across the system more effectively.
8. Once 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 2017 to July 31, 2017.
9. The transition period will serve as an extended orientation for the Student Trustee Elect during which key components of the role will be addressed. These will include:
  - the organization and chairing of monthly CSLIT General Assemblies,
  - policies, protocols, and procedures for Board meeting, and
  - the planning, execution, and support of a variety of student-led Catholic Leadership Initiatives.
10. In May, the Student Trustee Elect will attend the AGM of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association. Among the topics covered will be easing the transition into the role and leadership development. A panel composed of Directors, Trustees, and staff from schools across the province will provide information and answer the Student Trustee Elect questions to clarify the responsibilities of the role. A Student Trustee Handbook will be released.
11. During the summer of 2017, the Student Trustee and the Student Trustee Elect will participate in a two-day transition meeting with the CSLIT Executive to review roles and responsibilities.

## **E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Trustees appoint **Ivy Joel Ndongmi** from Brebeuf College School as Student Trustee for the term August 1, 2017 through to July 31, 2019.