

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

UPDATE TO STUDENT TRUSTEE POLICY (T.02)

Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters.

Colossians 3:23

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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 recommends updates to the current Student Trustee policy (T.02) to better align with legislative requirements as set out under the *Education Act*.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 3 hours

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 Student Trustee policy (T.02) was originally approved at the February 23, 2012 Board meeting.
- 2. It was last reviewed January 24, 2013 and is due for review.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

- 1. The Purpose section of the policy has been broadened to highlight that the TCDSB supports providing for the direct representation of the interests of students on the board.
- 2. The language in regulation 3 regarding the period of the term has been amended to directly reflect how the legislation reads in the *Education Act*.
- 3. Reference to the 2015 Student Trustee election has been deleted as it is no longer relevant.
- 4. The amount of honorarium as provided by the *Education Act* (\$2,500 for a complete term) is specifically added in regulation 14. Other school boards'

policies (i.e. Toronto District and Halton Catholic) specifically set out the \$2,500 amount.

5. The date of the election for the student trustee has been changed from March to April, pursuant to the current student trustees' request to better align with their term of service.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- 1. Recommendations in this report will be monitored by policy development staff.
- 2. Further reports will be brought to Board in accordance with the policy review schedule.

F. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

The updated policy as approved will be posted on the TCDSB policy register.

G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Student Trustee policy (T.02) provided in APPENDIX A be adopted.