



REPORT TO

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		

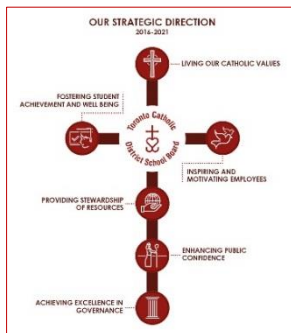
Vision:

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 amendments also incorporate changes requested by trustees at the February 13, 2018 Governance and Policy Committee meeting.

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

B. PURPOSE

1. This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee as it recommends a policy revision.
2. At the February 13, 2018 Governance and Policy Committee meeting, trustees approved the following motions:

“Attending Board or Committee meetings,” be added after “business attire when” in Item 18; and

The policy be referred to staff to consult with Student Trustees and the Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team (CSLIT) on requirements for minimum attendance at Board and Committee meetings to ensure student voices are represented, and ranked ballots as a proposed voting system to ensure that the elected student trustee has support of at least 50% of voters.

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.
3. The policy changes were reviewed student trustees and CSLIT and they agreed with the amendments.

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.
6. In accordance with the Ministry of Education "Student Trustees: Attendance and conflict of Interest Guidelines" (April 13, 2017), a regulation has been added concerning student trustee attendance.
7. The ranked ballot system description has been added to the "Process for Election of the Student Trustees" document.

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.