



**TCDSB MISSION** – In a school community formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions, Our Mission is to educate students to their full potential.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to education as a shared responsibility among parents, students, staff, the Board and the school community. The Board's **three priorities** help to focus the energies and talents of all the partners in each of our professional learning communities:

- Nurturing our Catholic community
- Improving student learning and achievement
- Building capacity to lead and learn

### **TCDSB Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC)**

Recognizing the importance of parent involvement in our schools, the Ontario Ministry of Education, in its December 2005 Parent Involvement Advisory Policy, mandated the creation of Parent Involvement Committees in each school board. The committee is to be established with *“a direct link to the Director and Trustees, to provide parent advice and to support parent engagement.”*

New base funding has been established to support the work of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, particularly with “district meetings and inter-school communications”. “The Ministry expects that the committee will be chaired by a parent and the membership will include a majority of parents, as well as trustee representatives and the Director of Education.”

### **Who is CPIC ?**

CPIC’s membership is made up of CSAC parent representatives elected by their peers from each of the Board’s 12 Trustee wards. The committee is chaired and led by parents. CPIC includes trustee members as appointed by the Board and board staff designated as a resource to the committee. Ward representatives serve a two year term and will be elected at ward meetings to which all parents will be invited to attend.

*[ Parents are welcome to attend CPIC meetings as observer ]*

The TCDSB is committed to ensuring that all parents and members of our diverse communities have opportunities to participate in the school system and shall provide the support necessary to achieve that goal.

### **What does CPIC do?**

- Meet 8-10 scheduled times a year to identify issues related to parent engagement for discussion, information and action. All meetings are held on designated Thursdays at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Ave. E., 7:00-9:00 pm.
- Enhance communication to CSAC chairs using the CSAC website, parent handbooks, personal contact, e-mail lists, conferences, and as many communication channels as possible.
- Work in partnership with our Trustees, Catholic parent organizations such as TAPCE / OAPCE, the Parent Engagement Office, the Provincial Parent Board and other appropriate organizations that promote parent engagement.
- Share information, resources and news transparently and proactively to support the TCDSB in welcoming parents to become involved effectively and positively in their school communities.
- Discuss and respond to items referred to CPIC by CSACs or the Board.

### **Parent Engagement**

*Explicit initiatives to enhance parent engagement will be an integral part of our strategy to strengthen schools and build public confidence. The Parent Engagement Office will help identify and promote specific parent involvement practices that are known to be effective in supporting student achievement. We will encourage regular surveys of parents to gauge their satisfaction with the quality of education and track it over time. The newly created Provincial Parent Board will also enhance the system's responsiveness to parents.*

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