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POLICY TITLE

District Catholic School Council (Parent Involvement Committee)

1.0 PURPOSE

The Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board is committed to involving and supporting the school community in the educational process.

2.0 POLICY

It is the policy of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board that a District Catholic School Council be established within the Board's jurisdiction.

3.0 GUIDELINES

- 3.1 Administration shall develop, in conjunction with the school communities, Administrative Procedures which shall provide direction regarding membership, record keeping, filling vacancies, election procedures, dispute resolution, conflict of interest, responsibility, liability, and any other topics that can be of assistance to the community.
- 3.2 The Director shall invite Catholic School Council chairpersons to participate in the establishment of a system umbrella group to be known as the District Catholic School Council to further enhance Board communication with Catholic School Councils; provide parent advice; and support parent engagement. All parents with students in P.V.N.C. schools shall be encouraged to participate in the voting process and all elected/acclaimed parent members of Catholic School Councils to seek election to the District Catholic School Council.
- 3.3 The Office of the Director or designate shall maintain a current list of the District Catholic School Council members.

- 3.4 The Director or designate shall serve as resource person to the District Catholic School Council and be responsible for maintaining communication with the District Catholic School Council.

4.0 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

4.1 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (C.S.C.)

A Catholic School Council is a legally constituted advisory group of elected parents, staff, students, parish representatives, and appointed community members dedicated to fostering effective Catholic schools, promoting Catholic education, and enhancing student achievement.

4.2 DISTRICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL (D.C.S.C.)

The District Catholic School Council is a system umbrella group of elected parents established to further enhance Board communication with Catholic School Councils; provide parent advice; and support parent engagement.

4.3 ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION (O.A.P.C.E.)

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education is an association of parents established to provide an awareness of the role of the student, parent, teacher, and clergy in providing the best possible Catholic education. O.A.P.C.E. wishes to work in co-operation with Catholic School Councils to provide support at the local level and as an additional voice at the provincial level.

5.0 REFERENCES/RELATED DOCUMENTS

Education Act
Regulation 612
Regulation 613
School Councils: A Guide for Members, Revised 2002, Ministry of Education

6.0 RELATED POLICIES

Policy 201, Fund-raising in Schools
Policy 208, Reimbursement for Expenses Incurred on Board Business
Policy 601, Catholic School Councils
Policy 707, Volunteers in Our Schools

7.0 RELATED FORMS

8.0 APPROVED BY BOARD

September 23, 2008

9.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

September 23, 2008

10.0 POLICY REVIEW DATE

September 2013

11.0 REVIEW BY

Office of the Director