



Policy Manual - Trustees

T.05 Student Trustee(s)

The mission of Catholic Education in Hamilton-Wentworth, in union with our Bishop, is to enable all learners to realize the fullness of humanity of which Our Lord Jesus Christ is the model.

Policy Statement

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board shall establish the position of two student Trustees (Ontario Reg. 7/07). The student members will represent the interests of all students in the HWCDSB.

- This policy shall be maintained in accordance with the said regulation and with any policies and guidelines issued by the Minister under paragraph 3.5 of subsection 8(1) of the Act O.Reg. 7/07, s.2(2).
- The student trustees must be full-time pupils of the board in the senior division [O.Reg. 7/07, s.5(1)]
- The student trustees on the Board shall not be members of the board and shall not be entitled to exercise a binding vote on any matter before the Board or any of its committees.
- The student trustees are not entitled to move a motion, but are entitled to suggest a motion on any matter at a meeting of the board or of one of its committees on which the student trustees sit, and if no member of the board or committee, as the case may be, moves the suggested motion, the record shall show the suggested motion.
- The student trustees must be approved by the Board of Trustees by April 30 each year.

The two Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board student trustees will: actively support and promote the distinct Catholic identity, philosophy and purpose of Catholic education, respect the Catholic Church's faith and traditions, and support the Board's Mission and Vision;

- conduct themselves with proper demeanour at all times in accordance with the Board's Mission, Vision, and Policies.

The two student trustees will be appointed in the following manner:

- one student trustee will be elected from and by the Board's seven Student Council Presidents;
- each secondary school will be able to nominate a senior student to be considered for selection as the second student trustee;
- the second student trustee will be selected by a central committee from these nominated students. The central committee should consist of:
 - the Chairperson of the Board;
 - the Director of Education;
 - the member of senior administration that oversees the Student Presidents' Council;
 - four representatives from the Student Council Presidents (not including the Student Trustee president).

Responsibility - Director of Education

Regulations - O.Reg. 7/07 made under the Ontario Education Act

Related Board Committee - Board

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