

Notice of Motion

Student Trustee Two Year Term Proposal

Moved by Monique Forster

Whereas the current Student Trustee Policy (PO215) requires the election of two student trustees each year to represent the interests of the students of the DCDSB.

Whereas the student trustee one-year term does not promote proper transition.

Whereas the student trustee one-year term does not support and may hamper new initiatives and cause them to be lost between years.

Whereas the current one-year term limits the student trustees' opportunities for peer-mentoring and learning.

Whereas there is unanimous support from the Student Senate Committee, which represents the students of the DCDSB, for a proposed two-year term of service for student trustees.

Whereas the DCDSB believes that students are the future of Catholic Education, and student interest are best represented by students.

Whereas trustees have the responsibility to mentor and guide student trustees.

Whereas the student views at the Board table inform the decisions made by members of the Board of Trustees.

Whereas, although a 'shadowing' period exists to provide incoming student trustees with the opportunities for leadership-skills acquisition from the departing student trustees, trustees who have served for a second consecutive year affirm their increased confidence and ability to inhabit the role more fully after completing their first year.

Whereas while student trustees serving their first term report the many and significant benefits of serving alongside an experienced student trustee, student trustees serving their second consecutive term affirm their increased capacity to provide peer-mentorship and guidance to incoming student trustees during their first year of service.

Whereas this initiative, which originates from the DCDSB student representatives, it also fulfills the DCDSB's strategic priority to empower students, by enabling them to access and learn from the life experience and expertise of adults, while also providing opportunities to develop quality leadership skills.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the DCDSB will amend the Student Trustee Policy (PO215) to a two-year term for student trustees, thus allowing for quality leadership and mentoring for DCDSB student leaders.

Submitted by: Monique Forster March 15, 2021