



# School Board Trustee Elections TCDSB

OAPCE Toronto Meeting

April 6, 2022

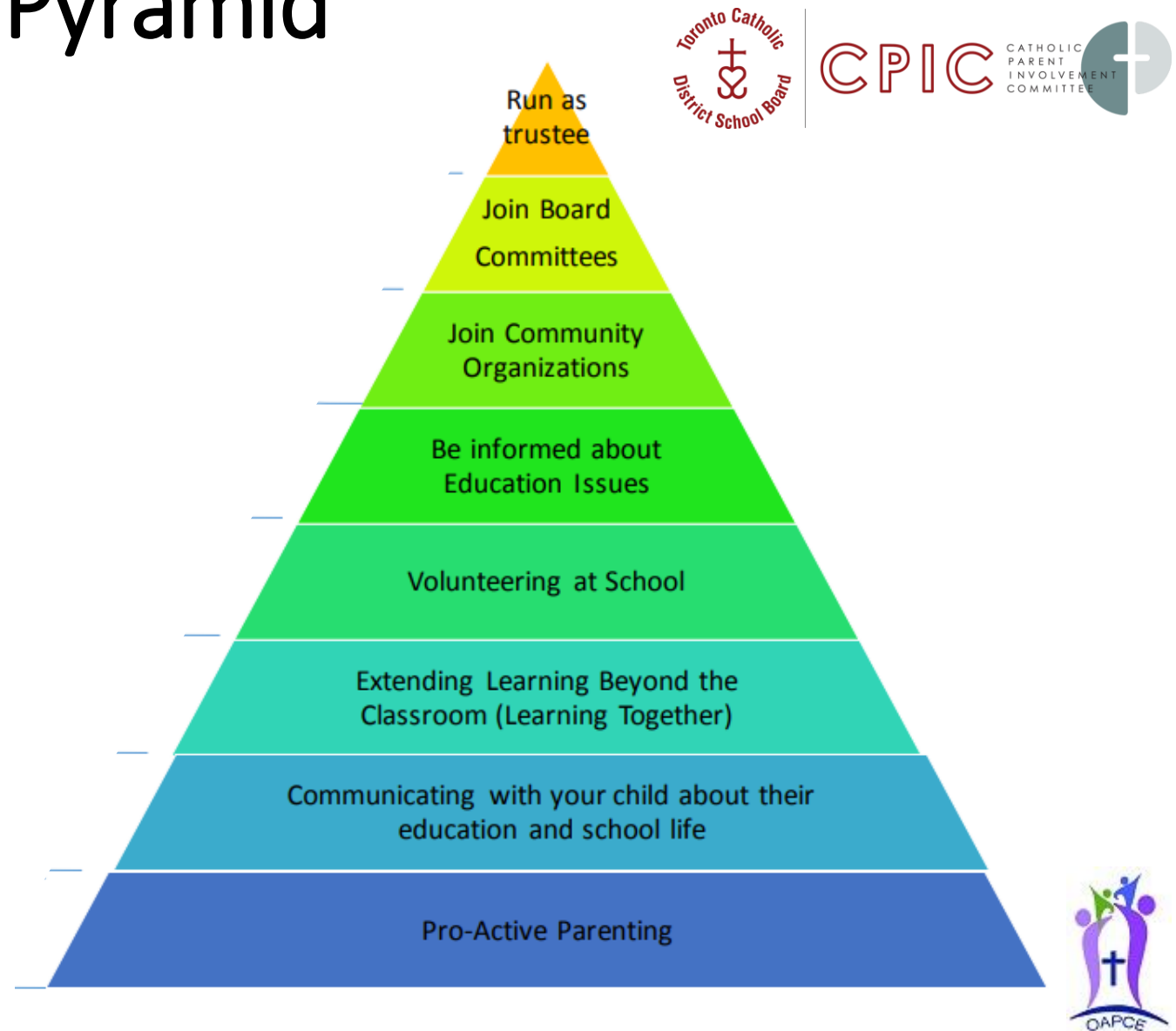
# Your Presenter

- TCDSB Trustee from 2003-2014 (3 terms over 11 years)  
Ward 7 (Scarborough-North York)
- Former CPIC Chair (2018-2020)
- Parent Council Co-Chair
- OAPCE Community Rep to CPIC



# Parent Involvement “Pyramid”

- There are many levels of getting involved with your school & school Board.
- The top of the *peak* is seek to be a part of the governing body of the Board
- A good trustee candidate is one who has been involved in different segments of the triangle.



# Fundamental Purpose & History of Trustees

- School board trustees are members of a district school board. They are locally-elected representatives of the public, and they are the community's advocates for public education.
- School board trustees are the oldest form of elected representation in Ontario. Since 1807, generations of community-minded citizens have made decisions on behalf of local, publicly funded schools, building the foundation of the system we have today.



- Catholic schools have been operating since 1841 – well before Ontario became a province.



# Definition: The Official One (Education Act)

## Board responsibility for student achievement and effective stewardship of resources

169.1 (1) Every board shall,

- (a) promote student achievement and well-being;

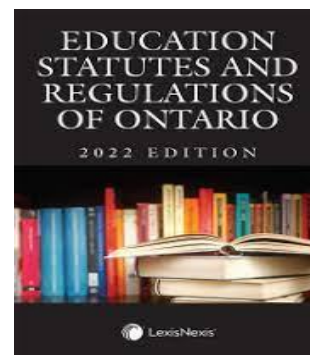
(a.1) promote a positive school climate that is inclusive and accepting of all pupils, including pupils of any race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status or disability;

- (a.2) promote the prevention of bullying;
- (b) ensure effective stewardship of the board's resources;
- (c) deliver effective and appropriate education programs to its pupils;
- (d) develop and maintain policies and organizational structures that,
  - (i) promote the goals referred to in clauses (a) to (c), and
  - (ii) encourage pupils to pursue their educational goals;
- (e) monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of policies developed by the board under clause (d) in achieving the board's goals and the efficiency of the implementation of those policies;
- (f) develop a multi-year plan aimed at achieving the goals referred to in clauses (a) to (c);
- (g) annually review the plan referred to in clause (f) with the board's director of education or the supervisory officer acting as the board's director of education; and
- (h) monitor and evaluate the performance of the board's director of education, or the supervisory officer acting as the board's director of education, in meeting,
- (i) his or her duties under this Act or any policy, guideline or regulation made under this Act, including duties under the plan referred to in clause (f), and
- (ii) any other duties assigned by the board.

## Duties of board members

218.1 A member of a board shall,

- (a) carry out his or her responsibilities in a manner that assists the board in fulfilling its duties under this Act, the regulations and the guidelines issued under this Act, including but not limited to the board's duties under section 169.1;
- (b) attend and participate in meetings of the board, including meetings of board committees of which he or she is a member;
- (c) consult with parents, students and supporters of the board on the board's multi-year plan under clause 169.1 (1) (f);
- (d) bring concerns of parents, students and supporters of the board to the attention of the board;
- (e) uphold the implementation of any board resolution after it is passed by the board;
- (f) entrust the day to day management of the board to its staff through the board's director of education;
- (g) maintain focus on student achievement and well-being; and
- (h) comply with the board's code of conduct. 2009, c. 25, s. 25.



# Real Life Role: Two Hats

- Trustees are **politicians**, they are members of a governmental body charged with the responsibility to govern the affairs of the school jurisdiction. They are responsible to their electorate through the democratic process.
- Are the overseers (the Board of Directors) of the corporate School Board
- Add unique prospective & experience



# Core Responsibilities

Protect Catholic Education

Create/refine/update School Board Policies

Create and evaluate Multi Year Strategic Plan

Hiring/evaluating the Director of Education

Setting and approving (operating & capital) budgets & staffing levels

Work in collaboration to resolve local issues

Raise concerns of school communities/constituents

Stewardship of resources, ensuring student achievement

Advocating for Board, community needs



# Tri-lateral Representation



- CHURCH
  - **Catholic education** is an **extension** of our **Church's** teaching mission.
- CONSTITUENTS
  - Catholic Electors are the direct stakeholders but extend to students, parents, guardians & employees.
- COMMUNITY
  - School Board are part of community and City. Levels of government and neighbours, users of board facilities.





# Term & Eligibility

**4 year  
Term**



## ELIGIBLE

A **resident** within the jurisdiction of the board;

A supporter of the board ("supporter" refers to the individual's support for one of the four publicly funded school systems. A list of supporters for each system is kept by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation);

A Canadian citizen;

At least 18 years old;

Roman Catholic

Not legally prohibited from voting; and

Not disqualified by any legislation from holding school board office

## /NELIGIBLE

An employee of any school board, or clerk, deputy clerk, treasurer or deputy treasurer of a municipality within the jurisdiction of a board, unless they

Take an unpaid leave of absence before being nominated, and

Resign, if elected to the office; (See additional note below)

A judge of any court;

A member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, a Senator or a member of the House of Commons; or

An inmate of a penal or correctional institution under sentence of imprisonment.



# Time

STANDING COMMITTEES	STEERING COMMITTEES	STATUTORY COMMITTEES	AD-HOC COMMITTEES	TRUSTEE-STAFF & COMMUNITY ADVISORY	SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OTHER	EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS
Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property	Communications Roundtable * Concluded *	Audit	By-laws Review	Award Nomination	Budget Committee * Concluded *	Angel Foundation for Learning
Governance and Policy	Nurturing Our Catholic Community	Catholic Parent Involvement	Director Performance Appraisal	Catholic Social Justice	School Accomodation Review (SARC)	Canadian National Exhibition
Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education & HR		Expulsions & Suspensions		Credit Course Outside Canada	School Boundary Review	Joint TCDSB/TDSB Asian Heritage
		Special Education Advisory Committee		Equity and Inclusive Education		Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
		Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)		Filipino Speaking Advisory Committee		Police Liaison Etobicoke
				International Languages		Toronto Board of Health
				Mental Health		Toronto School Boards Task Force
				Portuguese Speaking Advisory Committee		Toronto Student Transportation Group
				Safe Schools		
				Spanish Speaking Advisory Committee		
				Sweatshop Free		

- Priority: Board Meetings (6pm-11pm)
  - Minimum 1 night 3-weeks a month
  - + Various Board and other Committees have Trustee Membership (Average 1 night every week)
  - + Reading, emails, returning calls, talking to Board staff
  - + Visiting schools, community events, political functions



# Self-Accountability

## Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance

- Not disqualified from being a Member of the Board
- Faithfully execute the office, not receive any payment or reward
- Will declare conflict of interest as required by the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
- Faithful to Her Majesty, the Queen



## Trustee Code of Conduct

- Catholic Faith, Community and Culture
- Integrity and Dignity of Office
- Civil Behaviour
- Complying with Legislation
- Upholding Decisions
- Avoidance of Personal Advantage and Conflict of Interest
- Lobbying
- Respect for Confidentiality
- Board Resources
- Gifts and Hospitality

# Honorarium & Entitlements

\$5900 + (\$1.75 per  
student / 12)  
Approx. ~\$18,500

## CENTRAL

- Tablet device; Cellular phone (smart phone); Laptop Computer with dock and monitor; Multi-function printer
- Board standard cellular phone and associated cellular phone plan
- Research; administrative and constituency supports; courier delivery; photocopying; photography for Community events; promotional materials as approved by the Board

## TRUSTEE BUDGETS

- Small technology items
- Printing & Photocopying
- Dedicated Home Internet & Phone Line
- Business Cards
- Professional Development
- Travel & Official Events
- Hospitality

*Carry forward unused amount remaining in the Trustee's Individual expense budget may accumulate in a pooled reserve account and reallocated to other Board wide priorities*



# Trustee Allotted Budget

## Meal and per Kilometer Rates

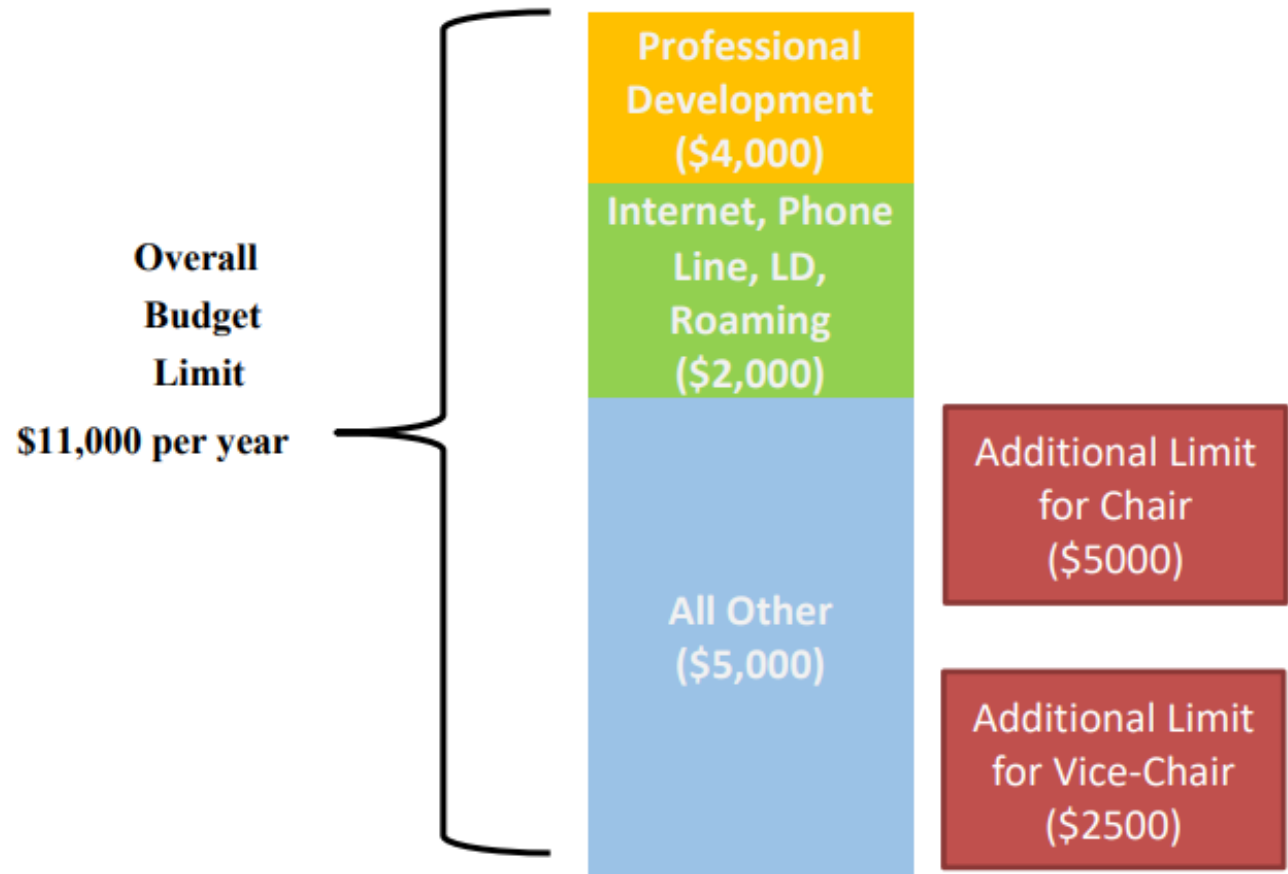
### *Meal Rates in Canada*

Meal	Maximum Amount *
Breakfast	\$20.00
Lunch	\$20.00
Dinner	\$30.00

\*Taxes and Gratuities included; Itemized Receipts required

### *2021 Mileage Rates*

Total Kilometers Driven Per Year	Rate Per Kilometer
0 – 5,000 km	\$0.59
Over 5,000 km	\$0.53



Type	Limits	Notes
Yearly Overall Amount	\$11,000/year	The maximum overall amount per year
Additional Amounts for Chair and Vice Chair	Chair \$5,000/year Vice-Chair 2,500/year	Additional amounts added to support the work of the Chair and Vice-Chair

# Ideal Characteristics



Know community needs and trends



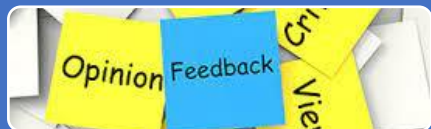
Honesty & Integrity



People & Public Relations



Reason, logic & sound-judgement



Accept criticism – you can rarely please everybody



Problem Solving Skills

# Electors

- If you are a resident, owner or tenant of property in Ontario, a Canadian citizen and 18 years of age or older election day  
&
- REGISTERED/DECLARED Catholic School Support

<https://www.voterlookup.ca/>





# Key Dates

<b>Nomination and Campaign Period Begins</b>	May 2, 2022
<b>Nomination Day (Last Day to be Nominated)</b>	August 19, 2022
<b>Final Day For Withdrawal of Candidacy</b>	August 19, 2022
<b>Voting Day</b>	October 24, 2022
<b>School Board Term Begins</b>	November 15, 2022
<b>School Board Terms Ends</b>	November 14, 2026

