



<u>DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</u>	
<u>POLICY</u>	
POLICY NUMBER:	P-0007
SUBJECT:	STUDENT TRUSTEES
REFERENCE:	<i>Education Act – RSO 1990, Sec. 55 Ontario Regulation 7/07</i> Government of Ontario Broader Public Sector (BPS) Expense Directive Government of Ontario BPS Perquisite Directive P-0005 Trustee Honoraria and Expenses P-0003 Code of Conduct – Trustees P-7000 Supply Chain Management GAP0003 Student Trustees GAP7004 Travel, Meals, Hospitality and Other Business Expenses
EFFECTIVE DATE:	(598) March 23, 2007
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“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

1 Peter 4:10

1. It is the policy of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) that three student trustees be included on the Board of Trustees, to serve for a term of one year each. The inclusion of student trustees enables the perspective of students to be considered in the decisions of members of the Board of Trustees and provides students with valuable learning experiences.
2. Two student trustees shall be known as “Student Trustees” and one shall be known as the “Indigenous Student Trustee”.
3. One Student Trustee will be elected from a Mississauga School and one Student Trustee will be elected from a Brampton, Caledon, or Dufferin school.
4. Indigenous Student Trustee candidates will be identified through consensus by the Indigenous Education Council. Approved candidates shall be identified from among interested students who identify as First Nation, Métis, and/or Inuit.
5. The Indigenous Student Trustee shall be elected by Indigenous Student Council members, in consultation with the Indigenous Education Council.
6. Each Student Trustee is expected to be a strong advocate for Catholic education, informed by sacred traditions, sacred scripture, and a Catholic faith perspective.

7. In addition to other components of their role as a student trustee generally, the Indigenous Student Trustee shall obtain and share student input, opinion, and concerns, particularly from Indigenous students attending DPCDSB Catholic schools. This Student Trustee shall also advocate for Catholic education, informed by sacred traditions, sacred scripture, and a Catholic faith perspective.
8. DPCDSB policy shall be in accordance with Ontario Regulation 7/07, made under the *Education Act*, as amended and with any policies and guidelines established by the Minister under paragraph 3.5 of subsection 8 (1) of the *Education Act*.
9. Student Trustee duties will include keeping the Board of Trustees apprised through regular reports to the Board of Trustees at committee and/or regular board meetings, as appropriate. Individual student trustee duties encompass responsibility to the entire DPCDSB.
10. Student Trustee duties include sitting at the governing table representing the students of DPCDSB and the Catholic faith traditions of the school board. Recognizing that a Catholic ethos exists at the governing table, student trustees must be aware of the tenets of the Catholic faith.
11. This policy and *General Administrative Procedure* [GAP0003](#) – *Student Trustees* enumerate requirements, expectations, and related procedures regarding the identification, election, and responsibilities of the Student Trustees and the Indigenous Student Trustee in DPCDSB.