

Policy No. I-23

Catholic School Councils and Catholic Parent Involvement Committee	
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Associated Policies & Procedures: VI-84 Catholic School Councils and Catholic Parent Involvement Committee I-34 (B) Reimbursement of Board Business Expenses for Trustees and External Members of Board Committees	

Purpose

To establish and maintain Catholic School Councils and a Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, in accordance with the Education Act and Ontario Regulation 612/00

Application and Scope

This policy applies to all schools within the jurisdiction of the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB).

References

[Education Act](#)

[Halton Catholic District School Board Operations Manual: School Councils, Strengthening Our Partnerships](#)

[Ontario Regulation 612/00](#)

[Ontario Regulation 330/10](#)

[School Councils: A Guide for Members](#)

Definitions

Catholic School Council: Catholic School Councils are legally constituted bodies of elected and



encouraging and promoting activities which will enhance the quality of school programs and improve the levels of student achievement.

Meeting: in respect of a Catholic school council or a Catholic parent involvement committee, does not include a training session or other event where the council or the committee does not discuss or decide matters that it has authority to decide.

Parent:

- in respect of a Catholic school council, a parent of a pupil who is enrolled in the school, and includes a guardian as defined in section 1 of the Act, and
- in respect of a parent involvement committee of a board, a parent of a pupil who is enrolled in a school of the board, and includes a guardian as defined in section 1 of the Act.

Parent Member:

- in respect of a Catholic school council, a member of the council who is elected to the council in accordance with section 4 or who fills a vacancy created by a parent member ceasing to hold office, and
- in respect of a Catholic parent involvement committee, a member of the committee who is appointed or elected to the committee in accordance with section 24 and who fills a vacancy created by a parent member ceasing to hold office.

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee: The Catholic Parent Involvement Committee is a group of parents/guardians, trustees, and HCDSB staff who actively support, encourage and enhance parent engagement and involvement in the HCDSB in order to improve student achievement and well-being.

Principles

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parents/guardians and to effectively engage parents/guardians in improving student achievement and well-being

Every Catholic School Council shall annually submit a written report on its activities to the principal of the school and to the board that established the council and provide a copy of the report to all parents/guardians