



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



To: Ad Hoc Policy Committee

DATE: 7 December 2023

RE: Amendments to Policy P.005.GOV Board Member and Student Trustee Expenses and Support Services

Trustee Lynn Scott has given notice that she will move as follows at the Ad Hoc Policy Committee, in keeping with section 12.9 of the Board's By-Laws and Standing Rules:

THAT Staff bring forward Policy P.005.GOV Board Member and Student Trustee Expenses and Support Services for review by the Ad Hoc Policy Committee and consideration of the following possible amendments:

To amend Section 2.2

The Board shall set aside annually a budget allocation for each *member of the Board and student trustee* to cover expenses incurred by the *member* while carrying out his/her duties as a *member of the Board*. This amount shall be equal for each *member of the Board and student trustee*.

To read

The Board shall set aside annually a budget allocation for each **Board member position and student trustee position** to cover expenses incurred by the **incumbent** while carrying out **their** duties as a **Board member or student trustee**. This amount shall be equal for each **Board member position and student trustee position**.

To amend Section 2.18

For the fiscal year in which a municipal election occurs, *funding available for individual Board members and for the Board Development Fund shall be pro-rated for the period from 1 September to the end of the Board's term of office (14 November) and from the beginning of the new Board's term of office to 31 August of the following year (15 November)*.

To read

For the fiscal year in which a municipal election occurs, **during the period from 1 September to the end of the Board's term of office (14 November), permissible expenditures by an incumbent Board member and permissible expenditures from the Board Development Fund shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total of the annual budget allocation plus any carryforward from the previous fiscal year.**

To amend Section 2.23

Board members and student trustees shall not donate funds or gifts *from their individual budget allocations to community groups, charities, schools, school councils, political campaigns, or political parties*.

To read

Board members and student trustees shall not donate funds or gifts **purchased with funds from the annual budget allocations for their positions to any organizations or individuals, including community groups, charities, schools,**

school councils, students, student organizations, political campaigns or political parties.

To add a new section following Section 2.23

Board members and student trustees shall not use funds from the annual budget allocations for their positions for the purpose of self-promotion. Self-promotion includes advertising for personal financial gain, the production and distribution of novelty items that contain the Board member's name (e.g., personalized pens, pencils, magnets, keychains, banners, signs, plaques, balloons, etc.), and public communications that contain only Board member identifiers or contact information without any substantive information (e.g., details about the operations of the OCDSB, its programs, upcoming special events, new OCDSB initiatives). Business cards and newsletters are not considered to be self-promotion.