

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PUBLIC)
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Revisions to Policy P.017.GOV: Student Trustees

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PURPOSE:

1. To seek approval of revisions to Policy P.017.GOV: Student Trustees (Appendix A) to change the date by which elections for student trustees must be held.

CONTEXT:

2. Student Trustees are empowered by the *Education Act* to represent the interests of students in grades 9-12 at meetings of the Board and its standing committees.

Under the provisions of the *Education Act*, student trustees may be elected from the Student Senate and Student Presidents' Council for a one-year or two-year term. The Board, at its meeting of 26 June 2017, considered the options of one or two-year terms of office and approved a one-year term of office for student trustees, with the possibility of re-election for a second one-year term.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

3. Board Policy P.017.GOV currently addresses the requirement to elect student trustees not later than April 30 in each year.

The Ministry of Education passed *Ontario Regulation 354/18*, amending *Ontario Regulation 7/07*, to require the election of student trustee positions for a one-year term of office to be held not later than the last day of February in each year. This requirement comes into force on 1 January 2020.

To comply with the requirement, the date in section 4.1 has been revised from "April 15" to "February 14" and in section 4.3 from "April 30" to "the last day of February".

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

4. There are no additional resource implications associated with changing the date for the election of student trustees from not later than 30 April to not later than the last day of February each year.

COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION ISSUES:

5. The proposed change to Policy P.017.GOV has been discussed and agreed to by the Board's current student trustees and the Student Senate. As this change is required by legislation, no public consultation is required.

STRATEGIC LINKS:

6. Ensuring that the Board's policies reflect the current legislative requirements is a responsibility of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the proposed changes to the Student Trustees policy P.017.GOV (attached as Appendix A to Report 19-118) be approved.

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Director of Education and Secretary of the Board

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Policy P.017.GOV: Student Trustees

Appendix B: Ontario Regulation 354/18 (amending O. Reg. 07/07) Student Trustees