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Policy Statement:

The position of Student Trustee of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board has three distinct roles; as members of the Board of Trustees, as school and student representatives and as leaders within the system.

Accordingly:

Board of Trustees Role and Responsibilities

1. Attend all regularly scheduled public Board meetings and committees on which the student trustee may be assigned. If a conflict prevents attendance at the meeting, notice must be sent to the appropriate superintendent and the committee chair prior to the start of the meeting. Transportation to and from Board meetings may be via family member, public taxi or the student's vehicle (if of legal age).
2. Represent their own views and those of students within the board on any matter before the Board of Trustees including but not limited to government legislation and policies or operational practices enacted by the Ministry of Education, the Board or individual schools.
3. Represent the Board's students at public/official functions and on Board committees as assigned.
4. Report regularly to the Board of Trustees on their activities with the Secondary Student Senate and Ontario Student Trustee's Association.

School and Student Representative Role and Responsibilities

5. Serve as co-chairs of the Secondary Student Senate which holds a minimum of six (6) meetings per year.
6. Provide leadership within the Secondary Student Senate for its responsibility to promote the distinctiveness of a Catholic education within the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and the Region of Waterloo.
7. Participate as a member of his/her home school student council as an ex-officio member. The degree of participation beyond attendance at regular Student Activity Council meetings is at the discretion of the student trustee.
8. Report regularly to the Secondary Student Senate on the activities of the Board of Trustees and the Ontario Student Trustee's Association.

Leadership Role and Responsibilities

9. Monitor the activities of the Catholic Council of the Ontario Student Trustee's Association.
10. Participate in student leadership development activities associated with their school, board and association roles. If the activities are outside of Board jurisdiction supervision is to be provided by the student trustee parents and/or parents provide written permission for student trustee to attend. All excursions are subject to the availability of funds.