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STUDENT VOICE

Background

The Board has a long history of providing for student voice. This commitment has been evident in actions such as administration and analysis of surveys (e.g. Tell Them From Me, renamed Our School), analysis of Accountability Pillar student responses, and Board-Division wide Student Council meetings. Student Voice is an avenue for student voice to be provided by student representatives from each high school.

The primary purpose of providing such student voice is the promotion and advancement of Catholic education in Edmonton Catholic Schools. Student Voice shall assist the Board by providing a student perspective to improving the quality of education in the Division within the framework of the Board's Strategic Plan and the Division Plan for Continuous Growth.

Procedures

1. Membership

   1.1 Student Voice will have 2 student representatives from each High School.

2. Meetings between the Board, Administration, and Student Voice:

   2.1 Student Voice will meet with the Board and the Chief Superintendent or Chief Superintendent's designate minimally 3 times per year, and ideally 4 times per year;

   2.2 Topics to be discussed will reflect areas that the Board would benefit from having a student perspective on.

3. Resources

   3.1 The Board shall allocate funds to support the facilitation and operation of the meetings;

   3.2 A Division administrator shall be assigned to moderate, supervise, and support the work of the Board with Student Voice.

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