

DATE: April 19, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Vice-Chair Trustee Ip, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #06 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held April 5, 2022)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendation at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendation was approved at the April 5, 2022, Caucus Committee meeting:

Fund request for Code of Conduct revisions

That the Governance and Evaluation Committee be authorized to spend up to \$6,000.00 from the Project Initiative fund for the drafting of an updated Trustee Code of Conduct.

BACKGROUND

As part of their 2021-2022 work plan, the Governance and Evaluation Committee committed to oversee revisions to the Trustees' Handbook as needed. When reviewing the Handbook, the Committee expressed a desire for a clearer, updated Trustee Code of Conduct.

All Trustees expressed an interest in revising the Code, so the Committee hosted online sessions on February 8 and March 1 to discuss desired changes; possible complaint, investigation and resolution processes; and overall expectations. At the conclusion of the discussions, they also confirmed that they would like an external expert to draft a revised Code. External legal counsel has now been contracted to draft the revised Code.

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