

17. Board Policy *School Councils*

School Councils are an important link between the Board and the school communities, providing critical perspectives on education, the needs of the school and concerns of the community.

1. School councils shall be established and shall operate according to the requirements of the Education Act and Regulations.
2. The role of school councils is to consult with parents and administrators and to advise the school administration on matters relating to the school.
3. The Principal must ensure that school councils are provided with an opportunity to provide advice on the development of the school's
 - a) mission, vision and philosophy
 - b) procedures
 - c) annual education plan
 - d) annual results report, and
 - e) budget
4. The Principal must provide each school council with the school's provincial testing program results and other provincial measures and a reasonable interpretation of these results and measures.
5. The Board will allow school councils free and full access to timely and accurate information of the Board that is publicly available, including Board policies and minutes of Board meetings.
6. The Board will provide opportunities for dialogue with school councils.
 - a) The Board and school councils will have an opportunity to submit agenda items.
 - b) Following the meeting, the Superintendent shall ensure that minutes of the meetings will be provided to the Board, School Council Chairs and Principals.
7. Minutes of school council meetings shall be posted on school websites.

Dispute Resolution

1. Primary effort shall be made to resolve issues at the school level in a fair and equitable manner.
2. If a dispute arises between a school council and the Principal the following procedures will apply:
 - a) Either party, after informing the other, shall transmit its concern to the Superintendent

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- b) The Superintendent (or designate) shall meet with the parties, review topical issues and circumstances and will assist the parties in efforts to achieve a mutually acceptable solution.
- c) Failing an agreed-upon solution, the Superintendent will make a decision and will inform the parties in writing.

Cross Reference – School Councils Regulation 113/207
Education Act, Section 55

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