

# DISTRICT PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Background

The District believes parents are partners in our educational system. It believes parental involvement helps to promote a positive learning environment; therefore, the District supports the establishment of a District parents' advisory council (DPAC) which may advise the Board on any matter relating to education in the District.

## Procedures

1. The District Parents' Advisory Council is an organization of parent volunteers elected from the Parents' Advisory Councils of District schools and is the official representative of school Parents' Advisory Councils at the District level.
2. The District Parents' Advisory Council is to:
  - 2.1 Assist individual parents and Parents' Advisory Councils in expressing concerns and gaining appropriate access to the education system;
  - 2.2 Promote effective communications amongst Parents' Advisory Councils;
  - 2.3 Serve as an advisory council to the Board, District administration and Parents' Advisory Councils;
  - 2.4 Encourage the formation and continued operation of Parents' Advisory Councils throughout the District;
  - 2.5 Provide resources, other than financial, at the request of any Parents' Advisory Council;
  - 2.6 Provide liaison between the B.C. Confederation of Parents' Advisory Councils, the Board, District administration, Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association and the Teachers' Association;
  - 2.7 Provide and promote leadership in developing and understanding the rights and responsibilities of parents within the education system.
3. A trustee may be appointed by the Board to act as a liaison to the DPAC. That trustee will be a non-voting member of the Council; he/she will be responsible for attending DPAC meetings, will participate in the discussions and report on discussions to the Board when required.
4. The District may ask the DPAC to comment, attempt to reach a consensus, or give advice on issues referred to it. Such referrals shall be made in writing and responses to the Board or its committees shall also be made in writing. Timelines for accomplishing requests shall be included.

5. The District may request members for Board, staff or community committees from DPAC. When such a request is made the representative(s) is to be empowered to speak and act as a representative of District parents as a whole.

Reference: Section 8, 8.4, 8.5, 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act

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