

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (FRASER-CASCADE)

POLICY

NO: 5002

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2011-11-01

SUBJECT: **DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Board of Education believes in a consultative process to gather parental input on issues affecting students and schools in the district.

Parents have a legislated right to participate in public decision-making and related activities that affect their children's school environment.

Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) have a legislated right to collectively meet at the district level and to establish a District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC), upon application to the Board of Education, if one is not currently established.

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1. GOVERNANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

- a. The Board of Education shall establish a District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) at the request of the executive of a parent advisory council.
- b. The DPAC will adopt a constitution and bylaws governing its meetings and the business and conduct of its affairs. A current copy of those bylaws will be submitted to the Board of Education and posted on the district's website.
- c. All Parent Advisory Councils in School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) are eligible to be voting members of the Council. Each PAC is eligible to have one (1) voting member on the DPAC.

2. MANDATE

- a. DPAC will be invited to consult through Board of Education Committees, and growth planning processes on matters of finance, policy, governance, and educational programming.
- b. The Board of Education will provide a liaison trustee to the DPAC, upon request.
- c. Section 8.4 of the *School Act* stipulates that:
 - (1) A parents' advisory council, through its elected officers, may apply to the board for the establishment of a district parents' advisory council.
 - (2) On receipt of an application under subsection (1), the board must establish a district parents' advisory council for the school district consisting of representatives elected to the council under subsection (3).
 - (3) Each parents' advisory council in a school district may elect annually one of its members to be its representative on the district parents' advisory council for a term of not more than one year.
 - (4) There must be only one district parents' advisory council for each school district.

3. **FUNCTION**

- a. DPAC will file a copy of the minutes of all regular meetings at the Board of Education Office through the Secretary-Treasurer.
- b. The chairperson of the DPAC will submit a written or oral report to the Board of Education on an annual basis.
- c. The Superintendent of Schools, or designate, may attend any meeting of the DPAC in a non-voting capacity.
- d. The Superintendent of Schools, or designate, will assist the DPAC by providing meeting facilities and facilitating the use of district communications systems.