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SUBJECT: SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

The Board of Education for School District 78 (Fraser-Cascade) believes that parents are partners in our educational system. The Board believes that parental involvement helps to promote a positive learning environment, and promotes open and two-way communication between parents, schools, the District and the Board. This parental input, advice and feedback are essential elements in the development of a positive relationship between home and school.

The Board recognizes that school Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) play a positive role in a school's organization.

The primary focus of a PAC is to improve the quality of school/community life, by promoting and supporting education. In keeping with this intent, the Board expects that school personnel will actively encourage and support parent and community involvement in the schools.



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REGULATIONS

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Roles and Responsibilities

In order for a PAC to play a meaningful role, it must be organized so that its functions and terms of reference are clearly defined. The council should possess full knowledge of its role and responsibilities and its relationship with the local school in order to ensure every opportunity for success.

A Parent Advisory Council (PAC) may be formed at each school and will conduct its affairs in accordance with the [School Act](#).

Each PAC, in consultation with the Principal, shall have a Constitution and Bylaws governing its meeting and the business and conduct of its affairs.

A copy of each PAC's Constitution and Bylaws will be provided to the Board and District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC).

Copies of the minutes of PAC meetings are to be kept on file at the school and be available to members of the school community.

Each PAC should strive to be as inclusive and communicative as possible to its members.

PACs shall not discuss individual students, school personnel, parents or other members of the school community.

Application

The Superintendent of Schools shall ensure that every Principal with the School District is aware of the requirements of Section 8 of the [School Act](#).

1. The Superintendent shall provide assistance to Principals to ensure that the bylaws governing the meetings of the PACs transpire in accordance with sound governance and meet the conditions of the [School Act](#).
2. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Education to review any and all applications under Section 8 of the [School Act](#).