



Policy 5002  
**DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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**POLICY**

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The Board of Education believes that a District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) will enhance communications among the school Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), the District, educational partner groups and the community at large. The primary focus of DPAC is on programs and policies that have an impact on students and parents in the District.

The Board of Education also 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 DPAC, upon application to the Board of Education, if one is not currently established.



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## **REGULATIONS**

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### **1. GOVERNANCE AND MEMBERSHIP**

- a. The Board of Education shall establish a 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 PACs 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. The DPAC Chair will be requested to select two parent representatives to serve on Board Standing Committees, and one parent representative to serve on Board Administrative Committees.
- b. DPAC will be invited to consult through Board of Education Committees, and growth planning processes on matters of finance, policy, governance, and educational programming.
- c. The Board of Education will provide a liaison trustee to the DPAC, upon request.
- d. The DPAC shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the [School Act](#).
- e. The DPAC is expected to follow the [Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Guidelines of BCCPAC](#).

### **3. FUNCTION**

- a. The Superintendent of Schools, or designate, will be available to attend any meeting of the DPAC in a non-voting capacity.
- b. The Superintendent of Schools, or designate, will assist the DPAC by providing meeting facilities and facilitating the use of district communications systems.

- c. The Board, in setting a budget, will annually determine the amount of funding to be provided to the DPAC.