

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92 (NISGA'A)

Regulation Subject: PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

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Description:
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

Regulation No. 112-R

1. There shall only be one Parent Advisory Council for each school.
2. All parents or guardians whose children attend the school are members of that schools Parent Advisory Council.
3. The Parent Advisory Council, through its elected officers may:
 - a. advise the Board, the principal and staff at the school respecting any matter to the school other than matters assigned to the school planning council; and
 - b. at the request of the school planning council, assist the school planning council in carrying out its functions under the School Act (School Act: Section 8(4)).
4. Councils shall not discuss individual students, school personnel, parents or other members of the school community.
5. Each Council in consultation with the Principal, shall have a Constitution and Bylaws governing its meeting and the business and conduct of its affairs. Bylaws governing, amendments of the document, and the dissolution of the parent advisory council should also be mentioned.
6. The constitution and bylaws of every parent advisory council shall be filed with the Board.
7. Each parent advisory council should strive to be as inclusive and communicative as possible to its members.
8. Copies of the minutes of meetings are to be kept on file at the school and be available to members of the school community.
9. Representatives from the School Board, District Administration, School Administrators' Association, Teachers' Association, Support Staff and other

Community Organizations with an interest in education, may be invited or may request to attend as non-voting members of the Parent Advisory Council.

DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

1. Establishment and Dissolution
 - 1.1 Under Section 8.4(1) and (2) of the School Act, elected Officers of a school parent advisory council may make application to the Board for the establishment of a district parent advisory council. Upon receipt of an application, the Board shall establish a district parent advisory council.
 - 1.2 The District Parent Advisory Council shall establish a constitution and file a copy with the Board.
 - 1.3 The District Parent Advisory Council shall make bylaws governing its meetings and the business and conduct of its affairs, including bylaws governing the dissolution of the council.
 - 1.4 Upon request, the District Parent Advisory Council shall provide copies of all meeting agendas and minutes to the Board through the Secretary-Treasurer of the District.
2. Membership shall be composed of:
 - 2.1 Two representatives elected or appointed by each school Parent Advisory Council.
3. Trustees and the Superintendent or his/her designate shall attend as invited liaisons.
4. The function of the District Parent Advisory Council will be to:
 - 4.1 Develop, maintain and support communications among parents, educators, administrators, the Board of School Trustees and B.C.C.P.A.C.
 - 4.2 Encourage, develop and maintain parent involvement within School District #92 (Nisga'a).
 - 4.3 Make recommendations to the Board on district-wide matters relating to the education and well-being of students.
 - 4.4 Provide a means of communication between school parent advisory councils to assist with and co-ordinate activities common to these groups.
5. The District Parent Advisory Council will not involve itself in discussion of individual, school or district personnel, students or parents.

6. A representative from the District Parent Advisory Council shall be provided a place on the regular Board meeting agenda.
7. The Board will support the District Parent Advisory Council by providing:
 - 7.1 Meeting space as needed for DPAC meetings free of charge in district facilities.
 - 7.2 Use of the school district mail system for DPAC materials and agendas.
 - 7.3 In January of each year, the DPAC will receive funds to educate parents about various parents issues at a minimum rate of \$0.20 per student and \$125 per school subject to an annual Board review.
 - 7.4 Paper and photocopying equipment for any DPAC publications.
 - 7.5 A copy of the Board's Policy Manual.
 - 7.6 A file cabinet and space for Executive to work on DPAC business.
 - 7.7 Web space for the DPAC and e-mail addresses for the Executive members of the DPAC, upon request.

The Board will invite the DPAC to select parent representatives to participate in District committees where parent involvement is appropriate.

Reference: School Act Section 8.4