

# PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCILS

## Background

The District is committed to consultation with the parents and the public to enhance communication as well as to facilitate the development of a sound system of education. Furthermore, the District believes that parents who are informed and committed to their children's education do enhance the quality of learning.

The District requires that each school's Principal establish a Parents' Advisory Council whose purpose shall be to provide a regular opportunity for the Principal to communicate and consult with its parents and community.

## Procedures

1. The purpose of the Parents' Advisory Council shall be:
  - 1.1. To enhance communication among the parents, the school's community, the students, and the school's Administration and staff
  - 1.2. To provide for a formal means of consultation with parents, students, and community by the administration and staff
  - 1.3. To promote cooperation between the home and the school in providing for the education of children
  - 1.4. Parents of students attending a District public school may apply to the Board to establish a Parents' Advisory Council for that school
  - 1.5. The Board must establish a Parents' Advisory Council for each school on application by two or more parents
  - 1.6. There shall be only one Parents' Advisory Council for each school under the supervision of a Principal
  - 1.7. The elected officers of the Parents' Advisory Council may advise the Principal of the school or, through the Principal, may advise the school staff or the Board respecting any matters relating to that school
  - 1.8. The role of the Parents' Advisory Council group does not include personnel or individual student issues
  - 1.9. A Parents' Advisory Council, in consultation with the Principal, shall draft bylaws and corresponding amendments governing its meeting and the business and conduct of its affairs, including bylaws governing the dissolution of the Council subject to Board approval

1.10. The use of facilities, supplies and equipment by the Parents' Advisory Council must be authorized by the Principal

Reference: Section 8, 20, 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act  
Societies Act  
Statement of Education Policy Order OIC 1280/89

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