

The Board of Education, School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky), believes that the school is enhanced by strong community-school liaison. To this end, it encourages the development of Parent Advisory Councils through processes appropriate to the needs and circumstances of each school community.

**Regulation**

This Regulation provides Board direction for Parent Advisory Councils.

1. If there is a functioning Parent Advisory Council within the school, it is expected that the Parent Advisory Council Executive, in consultation and cooperation with the school Principal or designate, will assume responsibility for maintaining an effective Parent Advisory Council from year to year.
2. If there is no Parent Advisory Council for a school, the Principal or designate for the school will call a meeting of parents to ascertain if there is sufficient interest to establish a Parent Advisory Council as per the *School Act*.
3. Membership of the Parent Advisory Council will be open to parents and guardians of all students attending that school. The Principal or designate will be non-voting, ex-officio member of the Council. The Council may, if it chooses, include representatives of the teaching staff, the student council in secondary schools, and interested members of the public as non-voting members as per each individual school's Parent Advisory Council constitution and bylaws.
4. There must only be one Parent Advisory Council for each school as per the *School Act*.
5. Each Parent Advisory Council is to formulate a constitution and bylaws in consultation with the Principal or designate of the school. Parent Advisory Councils are to make an application to the Board for formal recognition of their status by submitting a copy of their constitution and bylaws with the School Board.
6. A Parent Advisory Council, through its elected officers, may advise the Board, Principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the school. The Council will not discuss individual school personnel, students or parents.
7. Parent Advisory Councils should educate the parents to access the system.
8. Each Parent Advisory Council is encouraged to appoint a member (and alternate) who will represent that Council on the District Parent Advisory Council.

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