

The Board of Education (the “Board”), School District No.48 (Sea to Sky) is committed to engaging all students with personally relevant and flexible learning, empowering them to acquire the competencies vital for success in their future. The Board will create safe, purposeful and powerful learning environments in order that all students can think critically, create, collaborate, contribute and learn.

The Board’s Values for the School District are the following:

Learning	Placing learning at the core of all we do.
Excellence	Believing that excellence is within everyone’s reach.
Integrity	Having the integrity to be honest and ethical.
Equity	Creating conditions for equal access to opportunities and successes.
Connections	Honouring connections to each other, our communities and our environment.

The Board’s Guiding Principles for the School District are the following:

Health and Wellness	Take care of each other and our environment.
Purpose and Focus	Create understanding and common direction.
Engagement	Authentically involve each other in learning and decision making processes.
Collaboration	Develop relationships and processes to honour diverse perspectives.
Innovation	Encourage curiosity and embrace new opportunities.

Role of the Board

The Board’s primary purpose is the governance of Sea to Sky School District. The Board will hire a Superintendent of Schools to act as the School District’s Chief Executive Officer, with regards to all operations of the School District.

The [*School Act Part 6 Division 1 Section 65*](#) states that the rights, powers, duties, and liabilities of the Board of Education (the “Board”) rest only with the legally constituted Board as a whole, not with committees of the Board or with individual trustees. Members of the Board exercise their powers and responsibilities as a matter of public trust and only when the Board is officially in session. The Board will conduct educational orientation sessions for all Trustees following the election of new Trustees.

Guiding Principles

1. The Board establishes long-term vision and provides clear direction through policy.
2. The Board is responsible for the hiring of the Superintendent who is the single official link between staff and the Board.

3. The Superintendent is accountable for the day-to-day operations of the district and as such, the Board will communicate about district operations through the Superintendent.
4. The Board is the steward of district finances.
5. The Board represents the community, makes decisions with the good of the whole district in mind and is accountable to the community.
6. The Board will operate in an open and transparent manner.
7. The Board is a corporate board and speaks with one voice.

Communications

Board members are responsible to understand all policies and are encouraged to support individuals with concerns through related policies such as those which support the public with how to appear before the board, protocol regarding concerns about personnel or situations within the School District, and student Appeals Procedures.

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