



DISTRICT STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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POLICY

A district student advisory council shall be established to:

1. Advise the Board of Education of student opinions on educational and operational policies and procedures.
2. Provide a liaison and communication link between the Board of Education and the district's student population.
3. Identify and bring to the attention of the Board of Education issues and concerns affecting the district's student population.
4. Serve as an advocate for the district's student population.

Responsibility Centre: Superintendent of Schools
References: *School Act*, Section 85
Policy 5133.1 Student Advisory Councils

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PREAMBLE

There is a need to improve communication between the board and the district's student population.

Students should be able to participate in public decision-making and related activities that affect their school environment.

The District Student Advisory Council will provide a consultative process to gather student input on broad issues affecting students and schools in the district.

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DISTRICT STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**REGULATIONS:**

1. The Superintendent of Schools or his designate shall be responsible for establishing the District Student Advisory Council (DSAC).
2. The District Student Advisory Council is responsible to the students whom they represent.
3. The Superintendent of Schools or designate shall be an ex-officio member of the District Student Advisory Council.
4. The membership of the District Student Advisory Council shall consist of two representatives from each secondary school in the district. Secondary schools with a student population of 650 or more may select one additional representative.
5. A student who wishes to represent his or her secondary school on the District Student Advisory Council may make application directly to the principal of the school, or designate, or be recommended by a recognized student leadership group in the school. In either case, the student must fill out and submit to the principal, or designate, the application form designated by the DSAC. The principal, or designate, will choose the school's representatives from the applicants.
 - 5.1 For purposes of continuity, a student may be appointed to the council for more than one year.
 - 5.2 If a student misses three consecutive meetings, the Assistant Superintendent will notify the student's principal, who shall appoint a new representative.
6. Each October, the District Student Advisory Council shall elect from its membership a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, a secretary and any other officers necessary for the operation of the council.
7. The secondary school from which the chairperson is elected may choose another voting representative to attend the District Student Advisory Council.
8. The District Student Advisory Council's mandate shall be to establish procedures to:
 - 8.1 Advise the Board of student opinions on educational and operational policies;
 - 8.2 Develop better communication between the Board and the district's student population;
 - 8.3 Identify and bring student issues to the Board;



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- 8.4 Act as an advocate for the district's student population.
9. The chairperson of the District Student Advisory Council or designate may attend Board meetings in an advisory capacity and may offer comment upon request.
10. The District Student Advisory Council will present an annual oral or written report to the Board.
11. The Superintendent of Schools or designate shall assist the District Student Advisory Council by providing meeting facilities, clerical assistance and supplies.
12. The District Student Advisory Council shall meet a minimum of two times during the school year.
13. The Board may invite a representative(s) from the District Student Advisory Council to serve on district committees, task forces and discussion groups.
14. Travel arrangements for student representatives from the Robson Valley and Mackenzie may be coordinated where possible with travel needs of school district personnel.

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