



## **POLICY 221 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS**

The Board of Education of School District No.27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) encourages the support and participation of parents/guardians in the activities and programs of their local schools.

The Board strongly encourages the formation of Parent Advisory Councils whose purpose shall be to provide a regular opportunity for each school and its community to consult on issues which affect the education of children, including the school plan.

Roles and responsibilities of Parent Advisory Councils are outlined in the School Act.

### Guidelines

1. The primary role of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is to act in an advisory capacity on matters of school policy rather than specific details of school operation. In particular, a Parent Advisory Council shall not discuss individual students or school personnel.
2. The Board will recognize a specific PAC as the only such Council for a school.
3. A PAC will be responsible for developing and maintaining bylaws regarding:
  - 3.1. PAC meetings;
  - 3.2. The business and conduct of its affairs;
  - 3.3. The election of a member to represent the Council on the District Parent Advisory Council, by secret ballot; and,
  - 3.4. Its dissolution.
4. If a Parent Advisory Council is established in a school:
  - 4.1. The Principal will be an ex-officio member; and,
  - 4.2. Voting membership will be limited to parents/guardians of students in the school.
  - 4.3. The Principal and staff have formal responsibility to the Board through the Superintendent for decisions concerning the school and its effective operation.
    - 4.3.1. The role of a Parent Advisory Council is to act in an advisory capacity in matters of school policy rather than specific details of school operation.
    - 4.3.2. Council shall not discuss individual school personnel or students.

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4.4. In the event that a Parent Advisory Council requires a decision by the Superintendent of Schools or the Board of Education, the matter shall be brought to the Superintendent's attention by the Principal of the School.