

School District #62 (Sooke)

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES	No.: A-340
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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

1. General

- 1.1 The Board may establish such committees as it considers desirable.
- 1.2 Standing Committees exist to provide an opportunity to deliberate on issues of ongoing importance to the District in an open and inclusive manner.
- 1.3 Meetings may be in public, or where warranted in-camera.
- 1.4 A standing committee will consider matters referred to it by the Board, and may consider items suggested by staff, trustees, committee representatives or members of the community.

1.5 **Standing Committees:**

The Board will establish the following standing committees to conduct its business:

1.5.1 **Audit (Financial Statements Review Committee)**

Mandate: The Audit Committee will assist the Board in fulfilling its governance and oversight responsibilities and may consider matters pertaining to:

- Financial reporting;
- Internal control, information systems and risk management;
- External audit; and
- Internal audit.

1.5.1.1 **Contact:** Secretary-Treasurer

1.5.1.2 **Operations:**

- The Audit Committee shall be chaired by a trustee.
- The committee will meet as necessary during the school year.
- Reports and recommendations from this committee shall be prepared for the subsequent regular meeting of the Board of Education.

1.5.2 **Education – Policy Committee**

Mandate: To meet with the Superintendent, other appropriate staff, and district partner groups to review and recommend to the Board direction and actions pertaining to:

- Provision of educational programs for students, including curriculum, instruction and assessment;
- Student learning, including student support services;
- Learning resources;
- Research on teaching and learning;
- Showcase district programs and effective teaching practices;

- achievement accountability;
- periodically and systematically review Board policies with the intent of ensuring that policies remain useful, current and understandable;
- Present recommendations for new and revised policy for Board approval; and,
- other matters referred to it by the Board.

1.5.2.1 **Contact:** Superintendent.

1.5.2.2 **Operations**

- The Education-Policy committee shall be chaired by a trustee.
- It will ordinarily meet on the first Tuesday of every month from September to June.
- Reports and recommendations from this committee shall be prepared for the subsequent regular meeting of the Board of Education.

1.5.3 **Resources Committee**

Mandate: To meet with the Secretary-Treasurer, other appropriate staff, and district partner groups to review and recommend to the Board direction and actions pertaining to:

- Building construction, maintenance and district facilities, transportation and custodial services;
- Develop and recommend to the Board long range planning for accommodating the District's needs related to sites and buildings;
- Make recommendations to the Board regarding the annual Capital Budget submission to the Ministry of Education;
- Consider and make recommendations to the Board on the District's operating, special purpose and capital budgets;
- Consider and recommend to the Board new or adjusted bylaws;
- Consider and make recommendations to the Board on the District's business and accounting services;
- Consider, recommend and provide advice and information to the Board related to human resources; and,
- other matters referred by the Board.

1.5.3.1 **Contact:** Secretary-Treasurer.

1.5.3.2 **Operations:**

- The Resources committee shall be chaired by a trustee.
- It will ordinarily meet on the second Tuesday of every month from September to June.
- Reports and recommendations from this committee shall be prepared for the subsequent regular meeting of the Board of Education.

1.6 **Membership:**

1.6.1 In December of each year, the Chairperson of the Board shall appoint three Trustees to the Education-Policy committee, three trustees to the Resources committee, and two trustees to the Audit committee, after consultation with Trustees. If an appointed Trustee is absent from a committee meeting, the Board Chairperson may act as an alternate committee member or appoint another trustee.

- 1.6.2 The Chairperson of the Board shall also designate the Chairperson of each standing committee.
- 1.6.2.1 In addition to ensuring the proper functioning of committee meetings, the Committee Chair shall also be responsible for setting the committee agenda, in collaboration with the Board Chair and designated staff contact, and reporting the proceedings of the committee meeting back to the Board of Education.
- 1.6.3 The Superintendent or designate and the Chairperson of the Board shall be ex officio members of all standing committees. In addition, members of the district's staff may be invited to assist a committee with its business.
- 1.6.4 The Chairperson of the Board may be named as a regular member of any standing committee, but shall not serve as Chairperson of the standing committee.
- 1.6.5 Any trustee not assigned as a committee member may attend any committee meeting as a guest in order to participate in discussion or debate, but may not vote.
- 1.6.6 Only Trustees, District Staff and invitees may attend in-camera sessions.
- 1.6.7 Where there are public sessions of a standing committee, the following groups will be invited to appoint a representative:
- Sooke Teachers' Association (STA);
 - CUPE Local 459;
 - Sooke Principals and Vice-Principals Association (SPVPA);
 - Sooke Parent Education Advisory Council (SPEAC); and
 - Student representatives.

1.7 **Committee Procedures:**

- 1.7.1 No committee shall make recommendations when fewer than two appointed Trustee committee members are present.
- 1.7.2 All committee members and attendees (including members of the public) are able to participate fully in discussion, however, only Trustees appointed to the committee will vote on recommendations to the Board.
- 1.7.3 Standing committees will function in a formal manner under Robert's Rules of Order, permitting the kind of free-flowing discussion anticipated for committee of the whole work.
- 1.7.4 Written notice of committee meetings and agendas shall be available for all Trustees, representative members, and the public at least three days prior to committee meeting dates.
- 1.7.5 Agenda preparation:
- 1.7.5.1 Agenda preparation shall be the responsibility of the committee's Chairperson, supported by staff assigned to assist that committee.
- 1.7.5.2 Preference on the agenda will be items referred by the Board through formal motion.
- 1.7.5.3 District staff may bring items forward to standing committee meetings for consideration and recommendation to the Board of Education.
- 1.7.5.4 Individual trustees may advance an item to a Board Standing Committee through:
- 1.7.5.4.1 Formal motion of the Board, or
- 1.7.5.4.2 Individual trustees may request that the Committee Chair add the item to the agenda after first discussing the item with the Superintendent or Secretary-Treasurer.

- 1.7.6 Committee Reports:
 - 1.7.6.1 Committee reports shall be the responsibility of the committee's chairperson, supported by staff assigned to assist that committee.
 - 1.7.6.2 Standing committees shall report on the activities and recommendations of the committee at subsequent regular Board of Education meetings.
 - 1.7.6.3 Committee recommendations for Board consideration shall be written in the form of Board motions for debate. Each recommendation will be dealt with individually.
 - 1.7.6.4 Each committee chairperson, at the completion of their report, will move that the report be accepted by the Board.
- 1.7.7 Any matters considered by a committee of the Board which have financial implications are to be referred to the Resources Committee for comment before the originating committee brings the matter to the Board.
- 1.7.8 District staff will support the committee chairperson by acting as secretary in order to complete committee reports for the committee chairperson's approval.

1.8 **Special or Ad Hoc Committees:**

- 1.8.1 The Board may establish special or ad hoc committees to study, investigate or report on specific matters.
- 1.8.2 The Board shall determine a period within which a special committee shall present a report to the Board.
- 1.8.3 The purpose and terms of reference of a special or ad hoc committee shall be defined in writing and approved by the Board before members of the committee are named, except when the Board asks the committee to recommend its own terms of reference for Board approval. The recommendations of a special or ad hoc committee shall be confined to its terms of reference.
- 1.8.4 Membership on a special or ad hoc committee shall be limited in number to a minority of Trustees holding office at the time of the committee's appointment, and to members of the Board's staff appointed to the committee by the chairperson of the Board, in consultation with the Superintendent. In addition, the Board may appoint members of the community who, in the Board's judgement, may assist the committee in its work.
- 1.8.5 The Chairperson of the Board shall name the chairperson of the special or ad hoc committee. The committee chairperson shall preside at all special or ad hoc committee meetings.
- 1.8.6 Dates, times and places for meetings will be determined by members of the committee. Notice of meeting and agenda will be given to members at least three days prior to the meeting.
- 1.8.7 A report of the items discussed and recommendations made by the committee will be kept and will be made available to committee members and to the Board.