



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

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The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board recognizes the value of school councils associations in promoting the work of school councils. The Board advocates and encourages the role of regional school council associations in acting as supporting and advisory bodies to school councils and the Board.

Ontario Regulation 612/00 mandates that boards facilitate communication among their school councils. This policy acknowledges the authority of superintendents and others, as prescribed in the Education Act and Ministry of Education regulations, to identify, promote and implement the policies, programs and plans of the Board. The Board recognizes the advisory role of school councils associations in the development of Board policies and it requires that school councils associations will operate under the policies and procedures of the Board, and will comply with the relevant legislation including the Education Act and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The Board will promote the functioning of school councils by providing advice and input to the Board, Ministry of Education and school councils, while neither duplicating nor usurping the role of school councils.

School Councils Associations -Organization and Structure

n, election of officers, roles of officers, terms of office and replacement (succession), financial accountability, consensus decision making, purpose, of activities, and communications.

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- 2.3 All school councils' associations shall:
 - 2.3.1 establish goals, priorities, and procedures;
 - 2.3.2 organize information and training sessions to enable members of school councils to gain the knowledge and develop the skills required to fulfill their role;
 - 2.3.3 hold a minimum of two meetings per year;
 - 2.3.4 communicate on an ongoing basis with all school councils within their region to seek their views and preferences with regards to matters which the membership has decided will be addressed by a school councils' association;
 - 2.3.5 promote the best interests of school councils;
 - 2.3.6 participate in Board-wide school councils' association forums; and
 - 2.3.7 act in good faith.
 - 2.4 The Board recognizes supervisory officers and/or principals as the Board representatives and responsible for decisions under the Education Act and Ministry of Education Regulations, and Board policy and administrative regulations.
3. School Councils' Associations -Membership
 - 3.1 Members of a school councils' association shall include the chairperson or designate from all school councils within the region. The designate must be elected or appointed non-staff member of the school council. Only members of a school councils' association within the region shall be voting members.
 - 3.2 A representative to the school councils' association shall be determined by

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3.3.2 at least one trustee representative; and

3.3.3 at least one superintendent.

3.4 The term of office for elected/appointed positions shall be one year. Members may seek additional terms of office.

3.5 There will be no honorarium paid to members of a school councils association.

3.6 School councils associations may have an executive. Election of the officer(s) and roles and responsibilities will be as outlined in the association's constitution.

3.7 Local trustees will receive a copy, in advance, of school councils' association meeting agendas and a copy of the minutes of such meetings.

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