

## 230 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) believes that the educational program in each school is enhanced by strong community-school liaison. The School Parent Advisory Council should serve to provide input ~~enhance attitudes~~ which will impact favourably impact ~~on student learning~~ student learning and well-being.

Parent Advisory Councils have the right to establish their own by-laws. The creation of these by-laws are best done within a spirit of close co-operation between the Principal and the Parent Advisory Council.

### Guidelines

1. Parent Advisory Councils should be under the guidance of the School Principal with the Principal being an ex-officio of the Council.
2. Where a Parent Advisory Council does not already exist, the School Principal will inform the parents of the manner in which the School's Parent Advisory Council can be established.
3. Parent Advisory Councils should elect a Chairperson or President from its membership.
4. School Principals and Parent Advisory Councils are requested to jointly develop by-laws for the operation of the Parent Advisory Councils and the following terms of reference may be considered in drafting these by-laws:
  - a. Every parent/guardian has the right to belong to the Parent Advisory Council at their child's school.
  - b. The Parent Advisory council is to provide a form of liaison between the school and community.
  - c. The Parent Advisory council should aid the school in communicating with the community regarding educational programs and such other matters as may be appropriate.
  - d. The advice of the Parent Advisory Council should be channeled directly through the School Principal from the P.A.C. Executive.
  - e. Agenda for the Parent Advisory Council meeting should be jointly set with the School Principal and elected officers of the Council.
  - f. Since the Parent Advisory Council does not have direct administrative authority, it should not be used as vehicle to criticize individual school personnel, students or parents.

- g. The School Principal or designate has the right to attend all meetings of the Parent Advisory Council. Representatives from other employee groups are encouraged to attend.
- h. Parent Advisory Councils should not advise on individual student or employee personnel matters. Such discussions should be conducted with the teacher or Principal by individual parents or guardians. Representatives from other employee groups are encouraged to attend.

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