

POLICY 161 EDUCATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Board of Education values consultation as an important part of policy development. The Board also recognizes and accepts its responsibility to approve policy.

The Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) mandate is to advise the Board on matters related to education policy under Policies 500 – Students, 600 – Instructional-Education Programs and 900 – Community Relations. The committee is advisory in nature and reports directly to the Board through the chair of the committee.

The committee may seek the advice of other resources and expertise in the conduct of its work.

The committee will consist of three (3) trustees (*one to serve as Chair and one as Vice-Chair*), the Superintendent and two (2) representatives from each of the following groups. Any trustee may attend committee meetings as an observer.

- Chilliwack Principals' and Vice Principals' Association (CPVPA);
- Chilliwack Teachers' Association (CTA);
- Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 411 (CUPE);
- District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC);
- Indigenous community; and
- Management group.

The Superintendent will work with secondary school principals to ensure there is student representation on the Education Policy Advisory Committee.

The chair's responsibility is to encourage the participation of each member and to present minutes of the meetings.

The chair of EPAC and the Superintendent will meet twice each school calendar year to determine the requirement of committee meetings.

A motion and vote are required for any committee recommendations, with the quorum being any eight members.

Minutes of committee meetings will be prepared and provided to the Board at public Board meetings following committee meetings.