

POLICY 181 TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Fulfillment of Board responsibilities requires trustees to remain informed and develop their knowledge and skills. Trustees are encouraged to seek, identify and attend seminars, conferences or workshops related to their roles and responsibilities.

The Board shall include funds in the annual governance budget to cover expenses.

Guidelines

1. Trustees are allocated an annual budget account of \$2,500 for attendance at professional development opportunities. Unspent professional development funds can be carried over to the next year until the end of the elected term of office. Attendance at British Columbia School Trustees Association Annual General Meetings is reimbursed under a separate budget line.
2. District staff will make Trustees aware of learning opportunities available to assist with their professional learning planning. From time to time, group activities with the Board may be recommended.
3. Publications related to a trustee's duties can be reimbursed from a trustee's professional development budget.
4. If trustees are uncertain of the applicability of a learning opportunity, they can seek the advice of the Board.
5. Reimbursement will be made in accordance with the Trustee Expense Policy