

CHARTER FOR TRUSTEES

OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (OKANAGAN SIMILKAMEEN)

The primary purposes of the Board of Education are direction, accountability and advocacy. Each is characterized as follows:

Direction

- ✓ Envisions the educational future of the district supported by a set of shared beliefs in a mission statement.
- ✓ Provides measurable priorities with high but achievable standards for students and employees through consultative and collaborative processes.
- ✓ Expects planning will be consistent with the priorities and will include the participation of stakeholder groups in the district.
- ✓ Appreciates the pivotal elements of teaching and learning occurring in classrooms.
- ✓ Recognizes the central influence of the home and community on a student's educational progress.
- ✓ Formulates budgets and policies in support of the mission statement and priorities of the district.
- ✓ Nurtures a climate of allowing schools to be responsive to a rapidly changing environment.

Accountability

- ✓ Focuses primarily on student achievement in the intellectual domain, as well as social, human and career development.
- ✓ Requires continuous assessment and evaluation as key components in the teaching and learning process.
- ✓ Recognizes it is accountable to the district stakeholder groups, as well as the people of British Columbia, for meeting the educational needs of students within a fiscally responsible framework.
- ✓ Provides equity of opportunity in all schools throughout the district.

Advocacy

- ✓ Considers itself an advocate for all students, parents, and schools in the district.
- ✓ Advances the mission statement and its priorities while dealing respectfully with its students and employees.
- ✓ Supports quality education for all students.