

# POLICY

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53  
(Okanagan Similkameen)**

## **DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Reference: G-8**

**Approved: September 24, 2008**

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The Board of Education believes that parents are partners in our educational system. The Board believes that parental involvement helps to promote a positive learning environment. Therefore, the Board supports the establishment of a District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) which may advise the Board on any matter relating to education in the School District.

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### **Regulations for the District Parent Advisory Council are:**

1. Establishment and Dissolution
  - 1.1. Elected Officers of a school parent advisory council may make application to the Board for the establishment of a district parent advisory council. Upon receipt of an application, the Board shall establish a district parent advisory council.
  - 1.2. The District Parent Advisory Council shall establish a constitution and file a copy with the Board.
  - 1.3. The District Parent Advisory Council shall make bylaws governing its meetings and the business and conduct of its affairs, including bylaws governing the dissolution of the council.
  - 1.4. The District Parent Advisory Council shall provide copies of all meeting agendas and minutes to the Board through the Secretary Treasurer of the District.
2. Membership shall be composed of:
  - 2.1. One representative elected by each school parent advisory council
  - 2.2. A trustee and the superintendent or his/her designate
3. The function of the District Parent Advisory Council will be to:
  - 3.1. Promote the interests of education throughout the District
  - 3.2. Make recommendations to the Board on district-wide matters relating to the education and well-being of students
  - 3.3. Provide a means of communication between various school parent advisory councils to assist with and coordinate activities common to these groups
  - 3.4. Liaise between the district and the B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils.
4. The District Parent Advisory Council will not involve itself in discussion of individual school district personnel, students or parents.
5. A representative from the District Parent Advisory Council shall be provided a place on the regular Board meeting agenda upon request.
6. The Board will support the District Parent Advisory Council by:
  - 6.1. Providing meeting space at appropriate times for DPAC meetings free of charge in district facilities
  - 6.2. Providing use of school district mail system for DPAC materials and agendas
  - 6.3. Providing a copy of the Board Policy Manual.