

OKANAGAN SIMILKAMEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53

POLICY

No. A-11

Adopted:

BOARD REPRESENTATION

1. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the appointment and responsibilities of trustee representatives to external organizations, boards, or committees.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

The Board of Education recognizes that participation on external boards and committees may support effective communication, partnership, and collaboration on matters of mutual interest.

In response to requests from external organizations or agencies, the Board will give consideration to appointing trustee representatives. Such representation is established at the discretion of the Board.

Trustees appointed as representatives are expected to act in the best interests of the School District and reflect the positions and decisions of the Board.

All appointments to external boards and committees will be reviewed annually.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

Matters designated as confidential by the Board shall not be disclosed, disseminated, published, or communicated in any manner by any trustee without prior authorization of the Board.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF REPRESENTATIVES

4.1 Purpose of Representation

Trustee representatives shall:

- a. Represent the Board's positions and interests.
- b. Support effective communication between the Board and the external organization.

4.2 Powers and Duties

Trustee representatives shall:

- a. Attend meetings of the assigned organization or committee.
- b. Provide input that reflects the perspective and direction of the Board.
- c. Communicate relevant information to the Board and the Superintendent.
- d. Bring forward recommendations, where appropriate, for Board consideration.

5. MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENT

- Membership on external organizations or committees shall be determined by the Board.
- Trustee representatives shall be appointed by the Board Chair.
- Appointments will be reviewed annually as part of Board governance processes.

6. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Trustee representatives shall provide updates to the Board as appropriate.

7. PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

The Board will maintain and publish a list of trustee representatives to external organizations and committees on the School District website.

8. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed periodically or as required to ensure continued relevance and effectiveness.