

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

POLICY

No. A-8

Adopted: February 27, 2019
Revised: October 25, 2023

TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Preamble:

The role of trustees is to support the Board's vision and goals related to its inspired vision for student achievement. For trustees to fulfill this role it is important for individual trustees to recognize the need for and take advantage of professional development opportunities. Through participation in professional development opportunities provided by local or provincial affiliations, trustees can enhance their knowledge of trustee roles and responsibilities and become acquainted with current educational topics and trends.

Policy:

The Board values and supports the provision of opportunities for professional development for trustees to build capacity for the effective operations of the Board and governance of the District. The Board supports trustee expenses for relevant professional development in accordance with Policy C-1 Expenses and the regulations of this policy.

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REGULATIONS

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1. The Board supports the following professional development opportunities for trustees:
 - a. BCSTA* Trustee Academy
 - b. BCSTA Annual General Meeting and Conference
 - c. BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Meetings
 - d. In-house or local professional development
2. A trustee professional development budget shall be set annually of \$1500 for each trustee. This account is to be used for professional development activities as they relate to trustee duties and responsibilities. Unspent funds can only be carried over for two school calendar years. Trustees must seek Board approval to attend professional development activities outside of BC.
3. Professional development activities supported through trustee personal professional development accounts, must be approved by the Board Chair through a Form of Intention (See Appendix A). Forms must be submitted to the Board Chair in advance of registration.
4. It is expected that trustees will make every reasonable effort to attend both BCSTA events during the first year of their term.
 - **BCSTA (British Columbia School Trustees Association)**