



AP 2-600 – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

BACKGROUND

The Division encourages Parent Advisory Councils to participate as active partners in education with the Division.

PROCEDURES

1. Each Parent Advisory Council will be duly formed and constituted in a manner consistent with the Education Administration Act.
2. The Parent Advisory Council provides parents and the school community with a means to consult and provide advice to the Principal on matters pertaining to the school and its operations, subject to the provisions of the Public Schools Act.
3. The Parent Advisory Council may carry out other school related functions as identified by the Principal or the Board periodically, if agreed to by the Parent Advisory Council.
4. The Division encourages the Parent Advisory Council to build a supportive school community and to advocate on behalf of the school and school system ensuring “Success for all Students.”
5. School personnel concerns shall not be discussed at Parent Advisory Council meetings.
6. Each Parent Advisory Council should establish its own Constitution.
7. Parent Advisory Councils shall forward a copy of the minutes of their meetings on an ongoing basis, rather than the end of the year, to the Central Office. The minutes must be retained by the Parent Advisory Council for at least seven (7) years.
8. Resolution of Conflict:
 - 8.1. When it becomes apparent that an irreconcilable and counterproductive difference exists within the Parent Advisory Council, it is the responsibility of the school Principal and/or Parent Advisory Council to bring this to the attention of the Superintendent.
 - 8.2. The Superintendent or designate shall work with the Parent Advisory Council in attempting to resolve the difference.
 - 8.3. If the Superintendent or designate is unable to resolve the issue, the Superintendent shall inform the Board.
 - 8.4. If the Board is unable to reach agreement with the Parent Advisory Council, the Board may request the Minister to dissolve the school council pursuant to Section 13, Regulation 54/96 of the Education Administration Act.
9. Appeal of Policies and Administrative Procedures:

If a Parent Advisory Council finds itself in disagreement with Board policy or administrative procedures, the school council may write a letter to the Superintendent outlining the concerns with a copy being sent to the Principal.

Reference:

Manitoba Regulation 54/96, The Education Administration Act

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