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BOARD REPRESENTATION AND LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

The Board of Education may designate trustee representatives to external committees, agencies and organizations to facilitate the exchange of information on matters of mutual concern recognizing that the Board's function is governance, rather than operations.

The Board will determine the powers and duties for each representative.

The Superintendent may appoint staff to assist a representative and shall determine the roles, responsibilities and reporting requirements of resource personnel.

Representatives to Provincial Organizations

1. British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Representative trustee and one alternate
2. British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative trustee and one alternate, neither of which can be in a conflict of interest as determined by BCPSEA Policy.

For the two provincial organizations outlined above, the powers and duties include:

- Attend provincial meetings.
- Represent the Board's positions and interests to the organization.
- Communicate to the Board the work of the organization.
- Bring recommendations to the Board as and when necessary.
- Build positive relationships.

Representatives to Regional and Community Organizations

From time to time the Board may wish to designate a representative to regional or community organizations or committees. In these cases, a representative shall present the Board position on a matter, seek such a position when necessary, and refrain from expressing a personal opinion. A Board appointed representative is required to provide the Board with timely reports.

As active community members, individuals who serve as trustees may be requested to sit on various regional or community committees or be involved in community organizations. When accepting such invitations, these individuals shall make clear that their participation is in their personal capacity as community members, not in their role as trustees, and therefore the views they express are their own and not those of the Board or school district.

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School Liaison Assignments

On an annual basis, the Chair facilitates discussions with the Board regarding School Liaison assignments.

The role of a school liaison trustee is limited to provide visible support for school activities such as school celebrations, athletic competitions, fine arts performances and displays, and student recognition events.

Related Legislation: School Act Section 65 (1.1)

Related Contract Article: Nil

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