



## **SECTION 5000: GOVERNANCE**

### **POLICY 5050: PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS**

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#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Board encourages and supports the development of a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) at each school. The school PAC is intended to:

1. Promote the exchange of ideas among parents, school administration and staff, students, and the Board with respect to school programs and policies;
2. Provide the principal and staff an opportunity to consult people who are affected by the decisions they make;
3. Give parents an opportunity to examine educational and school philosophies and policies and to suggest alternatives.

#### **LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS**

- *School Act, Section 8, 8(4), 8(5), 67(5.1)*
- *Coast Mountain School District Policy 5055, District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)*

#### **PROCEDURES**

1. Each school PAC may elect annually one of its members to be its representative on the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) for a term of not more than one year.
2. There must be only one PAC for each school in the school district.
3. A PAC, in consultation with the principal, must make bylaws governing its meetings and the business and conduct of its affairs, including bylaws governing:
  - a. the dissolution of the PAC;
  - b. the election of members to represent the PAC on the school planning council; and



**PROCEDURES** *(continued)*

- c. the election of a member to represent the PAC on the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC).
4. Voting at elections must be by secret ballot.

**PURPOSES OF THE SCHOOL PAC**

1. To promote the education and welfare of students.
2. To encourage parent involvement in the school.
3. To advise the Board, principal, and staff on any matter relating to the school, other than matters assigned to the School Planning Council.
4. To participate in the work of the School Planning Council through the PAC's elected representatives.
5. To contribute to a sense of community within the school and between the school, home, and neighbourhood.
6. To provide parent education and professional development, and a forum for discussion of educational issues.
7. To assist parents in obtaining information and communicating with the principal and staff about their child's progress or other concerns.
8. To assist the principal and staff in ensuring the highest safety standards are maintained in the school and neighbourhood.
9. To organize and support activities for students and parents.
10. To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by the membership.