

<i>Rainy River District School Board</i>	SECTION 1 <i>Governance</i>
THE ROLE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.07

POLICY

The Board of Trustees will work diligently to fulfil all its governance responsibilities.

RATIONALE

Effective Board governance will result in Trustees having a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities.

IMPLEMENTATION

As per the *Education Act*, other applicable legislation, the Rainy River District School Board Procedural Bylaw, and Procedure 1.23 Student Trustee.

GUIDELINES

1.0 Board Members

1.1 The Board will consist of elected/appointed trustees, a First Nation Trustee, and two Student Trustees.

1.2 The First Nation Trustee shall:

- be identified as being acceptable to a majority of the councils of the First Nation communities within the Board.
- be appointed by the Board to represent the interests of the First Nation students.
- Serve a term that coincides with that of the other trustees serving at the time of their appointment.

1.3 The Student Trustee shall:

- be elected or acclaimed to represent the interests of Rainy River District School Board Students.
- receive an honorarium in accordance with Regulation 07/07 – Student Trustee.
- serve a term of office of two years in length, commencing at the start of a new school year, with the role rotating among the secondary schools of the Board.
- work with other trustees, participating in meetings and committees of the Board.
- have a non-binding vote.

2.0 Chair and Vice Chair of the Board

2.1 The Chair of the Board is:

- an ex-officio member or all Board standing committees.
- a member of the Executive Committee.

- a signing officer of the Board.
- the official spokesperson for the Board on matters which reflect the will of the Board through resolution, and in situations where a comment or response from the Board of Trustee is required.

The Chair of the Board shall:

- safeguard the integrity of the Board's processes
- represent the Board of Trustees to the broader community
- provide leadership and guidance to enhance the Board's ability to fulfill its obligation.
- ensure each trustee has a full and fair opportunity to be heard and understood.
- be informed by the Director of Education of significant developments within the Rainy River District School Board.
- ensure that the Board engages in regular self-review.

2.2 The Vice Chair of the Board is a member of the Executive Committee and officer of the corporation, and shall:

- fulfill the duties of the Chair when the Chair is temporarily absent or otherwise unable to perform the duties of office.
- preside at meetings of the Committee of the Whole in camera session
- fulfill duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Chair

3.0 Trustees

3.1 Trustees bring forward the voices of the communities to assist in providing an informed context for the decision making of the Board and/or the Director of Education

3.2 Trustees:

- are responsible for the mandate of the Board of Trustees.
- annually approve and regularly monitor the budget to ensure that the use of resources is aligned with the Strategic Plan.
- are accountable to the public for the collective decisions of the Board of Trustees.
- must stay informed about developments in education and endeavor to participate in professional development.
- must be familiar with Board policies, meeting agendas and reports to participate effectively.
- consider the implications of tentative collective agreements/terms of employment and ratify memoranda of agreements with all bargaining units and non-union groups.
- maintain open communication with parents/guardians and members of the school community to endorse a fair and consistent process for the handling of issues and concerns.

Definitions:

To be an “*ex-officio*” member of a committee means one who is a member of a committee due to holding another office. The Chair of the Board shall be *ex-officio* a member of all committees with no vote and no effect on quorum.

The Board of Trustees (Board) is the governing body of the organization known as the Rainy River District School Board (RRDSB)

<p align="center"><u>CROSS REFERENCE</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>Date Approved</u> 2022 11 01</p>	<p align="center"><u>LEGAL/MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REFERENCE</u></p>
<p><u>Policies:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.08 Trustee Code of Conduct ▪ 1.10 Multi-Year Strategic Planning ▪ 1.40 Policy Development ▪ 1.41 Trustee Expenses ▪ 1.42 Board and Committee Members Attending Meetings Electronically ▪ 1.65 Advocacy ▪ 2.07 Responding to Concerns ▪ 8.09 Procurement ▪ 8.22 Expense Claims ▪ 8.45 Fraud Prevention and Management <p><u>Procedures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.23 Student Trustee <p><u>Additional</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Board Procedural Bylaws 	<p align="center"><u>Board Motion</u> 308</p> <p align="center"><u>Review Prior to</u> 2027</p>	<p><i>Education Act, Section 169.1(1-5), 218(1, 4), 219(1-7, 9), 220(3)</i></p> <p><i>Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i></p> <p><i>Municipal Elections Act</i></p>