

<i><b>Rainy River District School Board</b></i>	<b>SECTION 1</b> <i>Governance</i>
<b>SCHOOL COUNCILS AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>1.60</b>

## **POLICY**

The Rainy River District School Board will provide a forum through which parents/guardians and other members of school communities can contribute to improving student achievement and well-being through the establishment of a Parent Involvement Committee and school councils.

## **RATIONALE**

The Rainy River District School Board recognizes that parents/guardians play a vital role in the development and education of their children and in the success of schools.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

As per the Rainy River District School Board School Council Handbook and Parent Involvement Committee Bylaws.

## **GUIDELINES**

### **1.0 School Councils**

1.1 School councils will provide a forum through which parents/guardians and other members of school communities can contribute to improving student achievement and school performance by:

- focusing on student learning and the best interest of all students;
- acting in an advisory capacity to the school's principal;
- making recommendations to the school principal and the Board on any matter they see impacting accountability and academic excellence; and
- serving as a communication and information channel between the school and school community.

1.2 School councils will meet a minimum of four times during the school year and will be comprised of the following:

- Parent/guardians representatives, with parents/guardians representing the majority of the school council;
- The school principal (or designate);
- A teaching representative;
- A support staff representative;
- Community representative(s);
- And, in secondary schools, a student representative.

1.3 Minutes of school council meetings shall be posted to the school website and an annual report will be submitted to the Parent Involvement Committee.

**2.0 Parent Involvement Committee**

2.1 The Parent Involvement Committee will:

- consider broad parent/guardian interests in all committee activities to support and enhance meaningful, inclusive and constructive parent/guardian engagement in all our schools;
- undertake activities to help parents/guardians support their children’s learning at home and at school;
- promote and support school councils in their advisory role;
- provide feedback to the Board from a parent/guardian perspective.

2.2 The Parent Involvement Committee will meet a minimum of four times during the school year and will be comprised of the following:

- Parent/guardian representatives, with parents/guardians representing the majority of the Committee;
- One Trustee, appointed by the Board;
- The Director of Education or designate;
- A principal/vice principal representative;
- A teacher representative;
- Community representative(s) from an agency or agencies that work with or support children.

2.3 Minutes of all Parent Involvement Committee meetings shall be posted to the website of the Board and distributed to all school councils. The Committee shall provide an annual report of its activities to the Board.

<u>CROSS REFERENCE</u>	<u>Date Approved</u> October 6, 2020	<u>LEGAL/MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REFERENCE</u>
Policy 1.42 Attending Meetings Electronically	<u>Board Motion</u> 128	Ontario Regulation 612/00 School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees
RRDSB Parent Involvement Committee Bylaws	<u>Review Prior to</u> 2025	
School Council Bylaws		
RRDSB School Council Handbook		