



POLICY 8 - ROLE OF THE BOARD

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The Board is entrusted to ensure that the values, aspirations and economic resource capacities of the jurisdiction are reflected within the actions of the District:

Areas of Responsibility of the Board:

8.1 Community Leadership

- a. The Board strives to be visible within the community.
- b. The Board makes decisions that reflect the values and anticipated educational needs of the community of Pinawa and School District of Whiteshell.
- c. Board members show their support of school and District activities through physical attendance at school concerts, championships, etc.

8.2 Accountability to the Provincial Government

- a. The Board is responsible for adherence to governing legislation and regulation throughout School District of Whiteshell.

8.3 Accountability to the Community

- a. The Board makes decisions that respect community values and are rooted in sound educational research.
- b. The Board reports District results to the community, as mandated by the provincial government.
- c. The Board has developed appeal policies regarding decisions of the Administration.
- d. Board members are active within the community, building support for public education.
- e. The Board approves the annual school calendar and length of the school day.
- f. The Board grants final approval of new construction and District-owned buildings.
- g. The Board retains insurance to protect the public assets of the District.

8.4 District Strategic Plan

- a. The Board provides overall direction for the District's strategic plan through the identification of Board priorities.

8.5 Policy

- a. All policy is written.
- b. Governance policy statements define Board expectations.
- c. The Board monitors District progress toward the achievement of student outcomes and other stated desired results through the regular assessment of policy compliance.
- d. Policy which is deemed by the Board to be no longer relevant toward the achievement of Board outcomes is evaluated and amended appropriately.

8.6 Board Development

- a. All Trustees engage in the pursuit of Board excellence through Board development and Trustee development training and education.
- b. The Board regularly evaluates board effectiveness through monitoring of policy and the Board's self-evaluation process.

8.7 Fiscal Responsibility

- a. The Board approves the District budget annually and establishes the amount of the local property tax levy.
- b. The Board appoints the auditor for School District of Whiteshell.
- c. The Board receives the audit report and ensures that quality indicators are met.
- d. The Board ratifies and ensures the administration of collective agreements with employee groups.
- e. The Board approves the District's annual 5 year capital plan for submission to the province's Public Schools Finance Board.

Legal Reference: The Public Schools Act; The Labour Relations Act

Policy 1 – Mandate and Legal Status

Policy 2 – Mission Statement

Policy 3 – Values and Principles

Policy 6 – Community Engagement

Policy 10 – Annual Board Planning Cycle

Policy 11 – Policy Development and Amendment

Policy 18 – Audits

Policy 19 – Assets