

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Section SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

Policy Name PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

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The Superior-Greenstone District School Board values the participation of parents as partners in education and provides a variety of opportunities to encourage parents to become involved in our schools. Together, these avenues create a robust parental involvement program.

The Board is guided by key visions, one of which is “partnerships among students, the family and the community.”

The Ontario Parent Involvement Policy (December 2005) outlines the requirements to establish a board-level Parental Involvement Committee with direct link to the Director of Education, Trustees and school councils. This policy recognizes that parents play a vital role in the education of their children and in the success of schools.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Role

1.1 The role of the Parental Involvement Committee is to:

- 1.1.1 Support and enhance meaningful, inclusive and constructive parental involvement in all of our schools;
- 1.1.2 Seek out the advice and ideas of school councils, other parents and partners as they plan and implement strategies to involve more parents;
- 1.1.3 Provide advice to the Board on the effectiveness of communications, events and other initiatives that affect relationships with parents; and
- 1.1.4 Approve expenditures for activities or projects funded with the Ministry of Education’s Parent Involvement funding.

2. Structure

2.1 The structure of the Parental Involvement Committee is as follows:

- 2.1.1 A parent will chair the Committee, which will have a majority of parent members.
- 2.1.2 Each School Council will elect one representative and two alternates (parents or parental school council members) at its first meeting of the year to sit on the Committee.
- 2.1.3 The Parental Involvement Committee may include supplemental appointments to reflect the diversity of parents within the Board.

- 2.1.4 The Parental Involvement Committee will serve as a standing committee of the board with the Director of Education, Superintendent of Education, three board Trustees who shall be nominated by the board, and the chair of the board as Ex Officio, acting as members in addition to the School Council members outlined in section 2.1.2.
- 2.1.5 The Committee will meet a minimum of three times each year.
- 2.1.6 According to the Education Act and Robert's Rules of Order, quorum is defined as a simple majority, more than 50 per cent of committee members. For example, if there are 15 committee members, 8 must be present within 30 minutes of the time appointed for all meetings or committee shall stand adjourned.
- 2.1.7 Parent members shall declare themselves in a conflict of interest and should not vote on expenditure applications from their own school.
- 2.1.8 After each meeting, a Trustee member of the Committee will report back to the Board of Trustees and parent members will report to their respective School Councils. A copy of the Board report will also be posted on the Board's website.