

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS

A. Legislative Reference

1. Under the provisions of the Manitoba Public Schools Act, the Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for the overall planning, organization, motivation, coordination and control of the school system.
2. School Advisory Councils have a consultative role only; with a mandate to make recommendations to their respective school administrators in an advisory capacity within the restrictions of The Public Schools Act, The Education Administration Act and PSA Regulation 54/96.

B. General Responsibilities

1. An Advisory Council established for a school has limited authority to:
 - a) provide advice to the principal about school policies, activities, and organization;
 - b) advise and participate in fund-raising activities;
 - c) advise the school board about the hiring and assigning of principals;
 - d) advise the principal and the school board about an annual budget for the school;
 - e) participate in developing an annual school plan;
 - f) participate in reviews of the school.
2. An Advisory Council is required to communicate with parents of children attending the school and community members in order to represent their priorities and concerns.
3. An Advisory Council is required to establish a means to regularly account to the school and community for its activities and expenditures.

C. Membership

1. An Advisory Council must consist of at least seven members of which at least 2/3 of the total are parents of children attending the school. The remainder may consist of people who live, work or own property in the catchment area of the affected school.
2. A student council member must be included if the school encompasses Senior Years.

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3. The principal and a teacher member representing the school are ex officio, non-voting members.

D. Meetings

1. An Advisory Council must hold an annual general meeting after the first day of school but not later than the third Friday in October.
2. An Advisory Council must hold regular meetings that are open to parents of children attending the school, students, school staff and community members.
3. Only members of the Advisory Council are entitled to vote on matters raised at a meeting of the Council.

E. School Board Liaison

The school board may appoint a board member to act as a liaison with an Advisory Council in an ex officio capacity.