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Governance

STANDING COMMITTEES: MEMBERSHIP AND MANDATE

Preamble

The Board recognizes that it cannot delegate any decision-making responsibilities that legally reside with the Board, including setting policy, approving local educational programs, hiring and assigning staff, and preparing and approving capital and operating budgets.

The Board also recognizes that individual directors, committees of directors, including committees of the whole, or Board Standing Committees do not have decision-making authority.

The role of the directors on committees is to provide the committee with requests from the Board for the consideration of issues, to consult broadly with committee members, to hear issues and concerns, to understand the range of views that are expressed and to take this information and committee recommendations to the Board for its consideration.

Policy

The Standing Committees of the Board shall be:

1. Management
2. Buildings and Grounds
3. Personnel
4. Education
5. Finance
6. Long Term Planning

As well, the Chair of the Board may appoint special temporary committees to carry out such duties as may be assigned to them. An example of such committee is the senior school renovation committee (2012).

Policy Objective

To enable the Directors to:

- consult on various issues in more depth than can be accommodated at regular Board meetings;
- communicate both ways between interested parties and the Board;
- advise the Board whenever a consensus is developed on or the varying positions held on any issue and ensure that recommendations are well-researched, well-prepared and ready

for discussion and for a decision by the whole Board.

Administrative Procedures

1. The Chair of the Board shall appoint Directors to the standing committees and shall designate one Director as chair.
2. Each standing committee shall meet regularly throughout the school year
3. The Board shall receive regular minutes of meetings and/or reports on matters discussed by standing committees.
4. The Board shall determine which members of the education community should have membership on the standing committees.
5. Appointments to these committees reported and reviewed at every September Board meeting.
6. The Chair of the Board shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.