

**Process to Invite
Members of Student Senate
To Identified Board Committees**

Background:

Motion Presented at the March 30, 2021 Regular Board meeting:
Review Trustee Committees to include members of Student Senate; and
To establish a process to appoint/invite members of Student Senate to identified Committees.

An Ad Hoc Committee was established and on May 20, 2021 the committee approved to recommend, to the Board of Trustees, that the French Immersion Advisory Committee, the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee and the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee amend their Terms of Reference to include members of Student Senate and to adopt the process to Invite as outlined below.

Board Approved: Regular Board Meeting of June 15, 2021

Process:

1. In May of each year, the Trustees who sit on the identified Committees, will send an invitation to incoming Student Senate members to participate on the Committee during the upcoming school year.
2. A general description and criteria of each Committee will be provided to Student Senate members.
3. Students interested in sitting on a Committee would submit their name. If two (2) students are interested in sitting on the same Committee, a primary and alternate member will be selected. If more than two (2) students are interested, selection will be by draw.
4. Eligibility to Serve:
 - i. enrolled full-time in a senior division (grade 11 or 12) at a high school of the Board or exceptional student enrolled in special education program;
 - ii. shall be a member in good standing of Student Senate; and
 - iii. should have a diverse perspective and/or lived experience with the mandate of the committee.

Specific Directives:

Students participating on identified committees:

- a) Must participate in an orientation session to review conflict of interest, disclosure of interest and confidentiality.
- b) May only sit on one (1) committee. (To provide a leadership opportunity for all students, Student Trustees will be invited to sit on a committee only if no other Student Senate member is interested).
- c) Are not entitled to a “binding” vote (T:01 Student Trustee Policy, section 3.1).
- d) Not entitled to move a motion, but is entitled to suggest a motion on any committee matter (T:01 Student Trustee Policy, section 3.2).
- e) Must leave the meeting should the discussion/approval require “the disclosure of intimate personal or financial information in respect of a member of the Board or

committee, an employee or prospective employee of the Board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian” (Education Act, section 207, s.2(b)).

- f) Students interested in attending conferences/seminars relevant to the Committee’s goals and mission shall first seek permission from the board resource (Superintendent) and Chair of the Committee.
- g) All expenses incurred, including but not limited to, conferences/seminars shall be reimbursed from the Committee’s funding allocation.
- h) Must be aware of and abide by the Conflict of Interest Guidelines issued by the Minister of Education.
- i) Shall be knowledgeable about, and comply with Board By-Law, and Board Policies and Procedures.

Approval: February 22, 2022
May 23, 2023