

GOVERNANCE

Education Act (S.N.B. 1997, c. E-1.12)

Establishment of Parent School Support Committees

2000, c.52, s.20.

- 32(1) There shall be a Parent School Support Committee for each school under this Act.
- 32(2) A Parent School Support Committee shall have no fewer than six and no more than twelve members, the exact number of which shall be determined in accordance with such guidelines as may be established by the District Education Council concerned.
- 32(3) The majority of the members of a Parent School Support Committee shall be parents of pupils enrolled in the school or persons nominated by parents of pupils enrolled in the school as representatives of those parents.
- 32(4) The members of a Parent School Support Committee referred to in subsection (3) shall, in accordance with the regulations,
- (a) be elected to the Parent School Support Committee by parents of pupils enrolled in the school, or
 - (b) where vacancies exist following an election under paragraph (a), be appointed to the Parent School Support Committee by the persons elected to the Parent School Support Committee under paragraph (a).
- 32(4.1) Except as provided for in subsection (5), school personnel who are employed in a school are not eligible to be elected or appointed to or to serve as a member of the Parent School Support Committee for that school.
- 32(5) One teacher employed at the school, elected by the teachers employed at the school in accordance with such guidelines as are established by the District Education Council concerned, shall be a member of the Parent School Support Committee.
- 32(6) In a school where a high school program is provided, a pupil of the school enrolled at the high school level, elected by pupils of the school in accordance with such guidelines as are established by the District Education Council concerned, shall be a member of the Parent School Support Committee.
- 32(6.1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), in a school where a high school program is not provided, the members of a Parent School Support Committee elected or appointed to the Parent School Support Committee under subsection (4) may, in accordance with such guidelines as are established by the District Education Council concerned, appoint one pupil from the school as a member of the Parent School Support Committee.
- 32(7) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), the members of a Parent School Support Committee elected or appointed to the Parent School Support Committee under subsection (4) may, in accordance with the regulations, appoint one or two persons to the Parent School Support Committee as community members.
- 32(7.1) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (4), where a Home and School Association or *Comité de parents* is organized at a school, the Home and School Association or *Comité de parents*, as the case may be, may appoint a parent of a pupil enrolled in the school as an additional member of the Parent School Support Committee.
- 32(8) The principal of the school shall attend and participate in all meetings of the Parent School Support Committee.
- 32(8.1) A member of a District Education Council may attend and participate in any meeting of a Parent School Support Committee for a school in the school district for which the District Education Council is established.
- 32(9) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the District Education Council concerned may
- (a) in circumstances prescribed by regulation, group two or more schools together for the purpose of establishing one Parent School Support Committee for those schools, and
 - (b) in circumstances prescribed by regulation, exempt a school from the requirement of having a Parent School Support Committee.
- 32(10) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (4), the District Education Council concerned may

- (a) in circumstances prescribed by regulation, provide for the transfer of members from one Parent School Support Committee to another Parent School Support Committee, and
- (b) where necessary in order to give effect to paragraph (a), permit the size of the Parent School Support Committee to which the members are transferred to exceed the maximum size permitted under subsection (2).

2000, c.52, s.21.

Duties of the Parent School Support Committees

2000, c.52, s.22.

- 33(1)** A Parent School Support Committee shall advise the principal of the school respecting the establishment, implementation and monitoring of the school improvement plan which may include
- (a) strategies for ensuring the language and culture of the school preserve and promote the language and culture of the official linguistic community for which the school is organized,
 - (b) the school mission,
 - (c) strategies for establishing school policies related to education, language and culture,
 - (d) strategies for providing communication between the school and families residing in the area served by the school, and encouraging family involvement in the school,
 - (e) strategies for establishing partnerships with the community to improve the quality of learning within the school,
 - (f) strategies for developing a school climate and conditions to improve the quality of learning and teaching within the school,
 - (g) strategies for establishing a positive pupil climate within the school, and
 - (h) strategies for improving school property and facilitating use of the school by the community.
- 33(1.1)** The Parent School Support Committee at the school shall advise the principal of the school respecting the establishment, implementation and monitoring of the positive learning and working environment plan, which may include
- (a) strategies and practices to promote respectful behaviour and a positive and inclusive social climate for all students and staff,
 - (b) strategies and programs to prevent disrespectful behaviour or misconduct,
 - (c) policies and practices to address disrespectful behaviour or misconduct in a timely manner and in a way that teaches and reinforces respect for other persons, and
 - (d) appropriate support strategies for students participating in disrespectful behaviour and students who have been affected by the disrespectful behaviour of others.
- 33(2)** A Parent School Support Committee shall
- (a) through the chair of the Parent School Support Committee, or another member designated by the Parent School Support Committee, who must be a parent of a pupil enrolled in the school, participate in the selection of the principal or any vice-principal of the school,
 - (b) review the results of the school performance report,
 - (c) advise the principal of the school in the development of school policies prepared in accordance with district and provincial policies,
 - (d) provide, on the request of the superintendent concerned, input into any performance evaluation of the principal or any vice-principal of the school in matters relating to the duties of the Parent School Support Committee under this section, and
 - (e) communicate with the District Education Council concerned with respect to matters relating to the duties of the Parent School Support Committee under this section.

2000, c.52, s.23; 2012, c.21, s.5.