



## POLICY 9400

### DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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#### **POLICY:**

The Board of Education believes that parents are partners in the education system and that parental involvement promotes a positive learning environment. Therefore, the Board supports the establishment of a District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) which may advise the Board on matters relating to education in the School District.

[Section 8.4 and 8.5](#) of the *School Act* outline the legislated opportunity for parents to form an advisory council.

DPACs are comprised of elected parent representatives from Parent Advisory Councils (PACs). They serve as an umbrella organization for the PACs in their school district. The DPAC is governed by its own [Constitution and Bylaws](#). DPACs are NOT required to register as a non-profit or under the BC Societies Act.

DPACs support and encourage PACs and parents in accessing the school system at all levels by providing regular forums for the exchange of ideas and information to ensure that public education serves the best interests of all students.

The business of the DPAC shall be unbiased in respect of race, colour, religion, politics, family status, gender, sexual orientation or physical or mental ability. The DPAC is not a forum for the discussion of individual school personnel, parents, or other individual members of the school community.

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#### **REFERENCES:**

[SCHOOL ACT 8.4, 8.5, DPAC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS](#)

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