



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**POLICY COMMITTEE
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC AGENDA ITEM
February 5, 2020**

NEW DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM:

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 6.7 Amendments to Policy 706 – District Student Council and Regulations 706R – District Student Council (*Regulations*)**
(Attachment)

Staff Recommendation:

THAT: The Policy Committee recommends to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 706 – District Student Council and Regulations 706R – District Student Council (*Regulations*), as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the February 5, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting.



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School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)

Policies And Procedures

Section Seven: Community Partnerships

706 - DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL

Introduction

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of involving students to participate in the Board process. The Board supports the establishment of a District Student Council and values ~~their~~ students' participation and contribution.

Representatives from the District Student Council are invited to attend Board Meetings and Committee Meetings and their opinions will be sought and heard.

Purpose

The purpose of the District Student Council is to:

- create a connection between students and the Board to facilitate input into District decisions;
- *bring questions, concerns and ideas to the Board;*
- advocate for the betterment of student life;
- assume an active leadership role on behalf of students;
- promote positive relationships between schools.



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706R - DISTRICT STUDENT COUNCIL (REGULATIONS)

1. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her/*their* designate is responsible for establishing and helping to facilitate the District Student Council.
2. ~~Delegates to~~ *Members of* the Council will be identified through an inclusive and democratic process at the school level.
3. *The District Student Council, in consultation with their staff liaison person, shall approve the Bylaws of the Council. The Bylaws will include:*
 - *the frequency of regular meetings;*
 - *the number of representatives from each school;*
 - *the positions on the Executive;*
 - *the process for the election of the officers and the term of office;*
 - *the quorum needed for making decisions;*
 - *the process for changing the Bylaws.*
4. *It is recommended that a copy of the Bylaws be filed with the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer for safekeeping.*
3. ~~Each secondary school will have three voting members on the Council—ideally one student in grade 10, one student in grade 11, and one student in grade 12.~~
4. ~~Co-presidents from two different schools will be elected, by the Council members, from the grade 11 members of the Council at the last meeting for that year of instruction. The two co-presidents’ term will begin in September of their grade 12 year. If an elected co-president declines their duty, the Council will elect another member in his/her place. The co-presidents will not represent their own school’s view, but will consider the needs of all students in the district.~~
5. ~~Schools from which a co-president has been elected, will be permitted to have three voting members on the Council in addition to the co-president.~~
6. ~~The two co-presidents will govern each meeting using a democratic process of debate and voting from all members of the Council in order to make decisions.~~
7. ~~The Council will create annual positions for the roles of secretary and vice-secretary and these will be established at the first meeting of the school year.~~



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8. ~~Regular meetings of the Council will take place once or twice a month during the school year as the Council deems necessary.~~
9. ~~The Council will attempt to have either one of the co-presidents or a designate attend Board of Education and Committee meetings when there are issues on the agenda that directly impact students.~~
10. ~~The Board may invite a representative from the District Student Council to serve on groups such as committees, task forces and focus groups.~~

AMENDMENT