



Section Seven: Community Partnerships

“Together We Learn”

703 – RELATIONS WITH PARENTS OF STUDENTS

Introduction

The Board of Education supports parent/guardian involvement in education.

Policy

1. As the Board believes that the best possible educational program for students will most likely be developed when parents/guardians and educators become partners, the Board encourages parent/guardian involvement in, *but not limited to*, such activities as:
 - volunteer activities;
 - parent/teacher conferences;
 - school-based classroom visits as approved by the Principal;
 - School Community Learning Plans;
 - *School Community Student Learning Plan Conversations*;
 - school-based Parent Advisory Councils;
 - District Parent Advisory Council;
 - school or district-level committees/councils.
2. Parent/teacher conference schedules shall be established for each student during the course of the school year.
3. ~~Policy 390 – Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality will apply when parents/guardians are also employees of the School District.~~
Parents, who are also employees of the School District, are able to be PAC members per the BC School Act, but are not able to be executive members of a school's Parent Advisory Council where they are both a parent and a member of staff at that school (with the exception of Student Supervisors or positions of ten hours per week or less). Parents, who are also employees of the School District in any capacity, are not able to be executive members of the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) per the COPAC bylaws.
4. The Board realizes that not all decisions made by teachers or administrators will receive the full support of students or parents. Therefore, in the event that either party disagrees with the decision of a Principal or a teacher, they shall be informed of their right to appeal using Policy 460 – Appeals.

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