

TERMS OF REFERENCE

~ As per Section 65 of the School Act, a board may establish committees and specify the functions and duties of these committees. Committees of trustees or individual trustees may not exercise the rights, duties and powers of the board. Unless expressly required to be exercised by bylaw, all powers of a board may be exercised by a bylaw or by resolution. ~

COMMITTEE NAME: PARTNER GROUP

TYPE: Standing

MANDATE: To bring together, on an ongoing basis, partner groups, senior staff, and the Trustee Representative to have informal discussions about how to support the District and as an advocate for public education provincially and to provide the Board with recommendations on all matters discussed.

RESPONSIBILITY:

1. To offer a venue for parties to discuss ways to work together in support of students, the school district and public education, building trust and sustaining strong functional relationships, and strengthening communication and information sharing.
2. Discussions will be purposeful, constructive and team-building in nature. The Partner Group Liaison will provide partner groups, senior staff and the Trustee Representative a venue where building and sustaining healthy relationships, information sharing, and discussion of issues takes place away from formal processes and formal meeting structures.
3. Partner Group input will be considered in all matters related to the District but will not replace the accountability of District management and the Board in decision making.
4. Labour relations or personnel matters will be addressed through district labour management meetings.
5. The participants will evaluate the effectiveness of the Partner Group Liaison annually.

MEMBERSHIP: The Partner Group Liaison Committee shall consist of membership as follows:

- Trustee Representative - Chairperson
- Senior Leadership (5)
- NOSTA Representatives (2)
- CUPE Representatives (2)
- DPAC Representatives (2)
- Quelmúcw Representatives (2)

The committee's Trustee Representative – Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson will be appointed annually each June by the Board Chair.

The Committee shall report its findings or recommendations directly to the Board as and where required.