

POLICY 180 TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (Kwátsalktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw) believes that its responsibilities require that trustees remain informed and continually develop their skills. Trustees are expected to participate in conferences, conventions, workshops, and seminars related to effective trusteeship, leadership, education, and learning.

Accordingly, trustees attending appropriate professional development shall have all related expenses paid by the school district consistent with budgeted funds and provided the Board gives prior public approval.

Guidelines

1. The trustee travel and professional development budget will be established annually through the budget process, and each trustee shall be allocated 1/5 of this budget.
2. Within this annual budget allocation, trustees shall have the option of attending the following, which are part of the Board's normal expectations of all trustees.
 - BCSTA Annual General Meeting – all trustees
 - Okanagan Branch Meetings – all trustees
 - New Trustee Seminars – new trustees
 - Advanced Trustee Seminars – all trustees
 - Provincial Chairpersons Meeting – Board Chairperson
 - BCPSEA, BCSTA, and other Council Representatives – appointed trustee
 - Trustee Working Session – all trustees
 - With approval of the Board, other self-determined learning opportunities
3. Subscriptions and publications deemed appropriate for Board use shall be approved by the Board Chairperson and become the property of the School District.
4. Reimbursement of costs involved in attendance at appropriate meetings shall be consistent with mileage and per diem expenses as per Board policy.
5. Trustees attending conferences or workshops should make a report to the Board within one month of attending the conference/workshop, and any relevant conference or workshop materials shall be made available upon request. Trustees delivering verbal reports must ensure that the item is placed on the agenda so it can be included in the official record (minutes) of the meeting.
6. During an election year, budgets will be pro-rated between the period prior to and after the election. Prior to the election, trustees will receive a maximum of 5/12 of their annual professional development budget to November 30. The remaining 7/12 shall be retained for the new board.

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