

Wye School Council Operating Procedures

NAME

The name of the school council shall be Wye School Council.

MISSION

The mission of the Wye School Parent Council is to foster communication and cooperation within the school, between staff, parents, guardians, students, the school board and the community at large. It is to inform parents, guardians and students about appropriate means of accessing school decision makers and to provide support for school activities.

VALUE STATEMENT

Wye School Council supports a safe, caring and positive environment that values academic excellence of all students and empowering all students to be lifelong learners in a changing world.

GOALS

The goals of the School Council, in keeping with the *School Act* and the *School Councils*

Regulation, are to:

1. Provide advice and consultation to the Principal, Staff and Board on issues of importance, such as the school philosophy, mission and vision, school discipline policies, school improvement plans, programs and directions and budget allocations to meet student needs.
2. Support an approach to schooling in which decisions are made collaboratively and, wherever possible, at the school and classroom level.
3. Encourage collaboration among Parents, School and School Community.
4. Support the staff in its work.
5. Promote the School and its activities in the Community.
6. Stimulate meaningful involvement of the Community in the School.
7. Foster, develop, maintain and reflect the culture of the school.
8. Create the forum and opportunity for participation in school-based decision making.
9. Facilitate the development of a common vision for our school.
10. As per Elk Island Public School's Administrative Procedure 100 ensure that the Superintendent has the most recent school council operating procedures by September 30 for the purpose of information.
11. Have representation at the EIPS Committee of School Councils meetings.
12. The Council shall manage information as per the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) Policy.

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MEMBERSHIP

The membership of School Council shall consist of the following members:

- a) parents and guardians of students enrolled in Wye Elementary School
- b) principal of Wye Elementary School
- c) At least one teacher representative
- d) School Council Executive elected by the parents or guardians
- e) School board trustee

All Members have one vote on any motion, with privileges of abstaining, with the following exceptions:

- a. Non-voting members of council include
 - The Trustee
 - The principal or designate of Wye School
 - The teacher representative

Council meetings are open to all parents of Wye School. From time to time invitations will be extended to teachers, students, administrators, community organizations and community members, etc. to attend a council meeting for information or to make a presentation.

EXECUTIVE

1. An executive will be formed at the Annual General Meeting for the purpose of carrying out the day-to-day operation of the School Council.
2. The positions of the Executive Committee shall consist of:
 - A chairperson,
 - vice chairperson
 - secretary
 - Past Chairperson (If still a parent of the school)
3. All executive positions must be filled by parents of students enrolled at Wye School.
4. Every member of the School Council and/or parent of a student enrolled at Wye School, or of children in the Early Childhood Services Program, is eligible to be elected to an executive position on school council.
5. The terms of office are from the Annual General Meeting to the following Annual General Meeting.
6. Each member is to serve a one-year term: or until the end of the next annual general meeting.
7. Any vacancies of the School Council Executive will be advertised to the parent community. Elections for vacant positions will be held at the next regular meeting of School Council. Officers shall serve their position until:
 - their elected successors take office
 - they no longer meet the qualifications of Membership
 - they resign by written submission to Council
 - they have been absent for three consecutive Meetings

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Duties of the Executive

Chairperson

- Preside when present at and participate in all Council meetings.
- Plan the Agenda for Council meetings in consultation with the Principal
- Give due notice of Council meetings and post proposed agendas in a prominent place.
- Provide general supervision of all activities of Council.
- Be the official spokesperson of Council.
- Inform all other members of the Council of the roles and responsibilities associated with their respective positions.
- Provide the Board an annual report in accordance with Regulations and Policy, including a summary of the Council's activities for the year and the financial statements of Council. These reports shall be made available to the school community.
- Ensure that all decisions of Council are carried into effect.
- Attend Committee of School Council meetings or be represented by a designate.
- Attend Wye School Parent Support Association meetings or be represented by a designate.

Vice-Chairperson

- Aid the Chair and undertake tasks assigned by the Chair.
- In the absence of the Chair, supervise the affairs and preside at any meetings of the School Council.
- In the event of resignation, incapacity or leave of absence of the Chair fulfill the Chair's responsibilities.
- *The vice-chair is the designated Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA)/Privacy officer of School Council and manages personal information in compliance with PIPA.*

Secretary

- Record accurate minutes of all Council meetings, including the results of all motions, votes, and other decisions.
- Where applicable, include highlights of meeting minutes in the school newsletter.
- Have charge of all correspondence and official records of Council.
- Retain at School and make accessible all minutes.
- Make meeting minutes accessible to the membership within two weeks of each meeting.
- Present a draft of minutes to the subsequent meeting of Council and make changes as directed by Council.
- *Keeps an accurate list of names and addresses of School Council members in compliance with the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA).*

Past Chairperson

- Serve in an advisory capacity to the new School Council
- Act in the absence of both the chair and vice-chair

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MEETINGS

Regular School Council meetings will take place using the following guidelines:

1. The first regularly scheduled meeting of the Council shall be held no later than 30 calendar days after the first instructional day of the school year.
2. A minimum of 3 regularly scheduled meetings of the Council shall be held during the school year.
3. Meetings of the Council shall be held at the school whenever possible.
4. The dates and times of all regularly scheduled meetings shall be set by the Council, with a minimum seven days' notice and shall be posted for a minimum of seven days in a prominent place in the school and/or on the school website.
5. All **voting** members have one vote on any motion; decisions at School Council meetings will be made by consensus as much as possible.
 - i) The decision made by consensus must be stated clearly and recorded as such in the minutes of the meeting.
 - ii) If a decision is made by a vote, the motion must be moved and passed by the majority of School Council members
6. Regular meeting dates will be determined by School Council members attending the first meeting and/or by the executive of the School Council.
7. **Quorum** will be attained when the majority of voting members present at any meeting are parents of students enrolled in Wye School

Annual General Meeting

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year on or before the last instructional day of the school year. The meeting will be advertised throughout the school and the community at the beginning of the school year until the date of the AGM or within 20 school days of the AGM date.
 - Election of School Council members and/or executive positions will take place at the AGM.
 - All parents of students attending Wye School are eligible for election.
 - All parents of students attending the Wye School are eligible to vote at the AGM.
2. The business of the AGM shall include:
 - election of School Council members and/or executive members
 - proposed by-laws/operating procedures amendments
 - plans for the upcoming year
 - discussion of any major issues in which parents should have input, such as:
 - changes to the vision or mission statement of the school
 - major changes in the school program or focus
 - formal evaluation of the School Council.

COMMITTEES

A School Council may appoint committees that consist of School Council members and/or school community members. Committees report on their activities at School Council meetings and meet outside of School Council meetings to complete their assigned tasks.

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ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with *School Councils Regulation*, the School Council, through the chair, prepares and provides their local school board with an annual report submitted by September 30th of each school year.

The School Council annual report will include a summary of School Council's activities of the previous year

The School Council will make the annual report available to all members of the school community.

REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS TO THE OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Wye School Council chooses to use Operating Procedures as their governing documents. The Operating Procedures remain in force from year to year. The operating Procedures of the School Council may be amended by a majority vote of the parents present at any scheduled meeting of the School Council. The Operating Procedures will be reviewed for their relevance and effectiveness annually, by the School Council executive or a committee established expressly for that purpose.

WYE SCHOOL PARENTS' SUPPORT ASSOCIATION (FUNDRAISING SOCIETY)

Council will communicate regularly with WSPSA to support their activities and to solicit support for Council activities.

Council can develop policy to promote a productive, open and transparent relationship with WSPSA.

All fundraising activities shall be conducted through this committee

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

The School Council will apply every effort to resolve internal conflicts at the school level. In the event that this is not possible the parties shall abide by the Conflict Resolution Procedures outlined in Administration Procedure 110 of Elk Island Public Schools District.

If at any time (10) ten percent or more Parents or (50) fifty percent of the Executive members of the School Council are of the opinion that the School Council is in a state of conflict such that its operation is significantly impaired they may deliver a written request signed by them to all School Council members, and the following will apply:

1. The chair will call a special meeting.
2. The Secretary will provide a minimum of five (5) days written notice to all parents of the date, time, place and purpose of the special meeting. Notice must be posted in a prominent place in the school and/or on the school website.

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3. At the Special Meeting, parents in attendance will have an opportunity to hear and discuss the issues causing conflict
4. On motion, seconded by any School Council member in attendance at the Special Meeting, a vote shall be held respecting a proposed resolution to the conflict.
5. If a majority School Council member's present vote in favor of the resolution proposed, the Executive will immediately act upon the resolution, as directed by the assembly.

DISSOLUTION

As per Alberta Provincial Legislation only the Minister of Education has the authority to dissolve a School Council. If Wye Elementary School Council is dissolved, the Principal may establish an advisory committee to perform the duties of the School Council until the next AGM and the Principal will perform the duties as outlined in Alberta Provincial Legislation with respect to the re-establishment of the Wye School Council within 40 school days after the start of the next school year.

These Operating Procedures have been accepted by a majority of the members entitled to vote at a meeting of the School Council.

Date

Chairperson's Name

Chairperson's Signature

Secretary's Name

Secretary's Signature

Principal's Name

Principal's Signature