

POLICY 1250

TRUSTEE SCHOOL, FIRST NATION, MUNICIPAL LIAISON

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1.0 RATIONALE

- 1.1 The Board considers individual and direct trustee contact with the schools of the District to be a significant responsibility within trusteeship.
- 1.2 The Board also considers the relationships with our partner municipalities and First Nations to be a significant responsibility within trusteeship.
- 1.3 The purpose of a liaison Trustee is to represent the Board in communications and attendance at local meetings with community, educational partners and governmental partners for the purpose of collaboration and to exchange information.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 For the purposes of this policy only First Nations are defined as the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations whose students are served by the District through funding agreements.
- 2.2 Partner municipalities are defined as the municipalities or districts of Esquimalt, Highlands, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, View Royal.
- 2.3 Governmental organizations may include organizations such as the Capital Regional District, BC Housing and other appropriate government organizations.

3.0 POLICY

- 3.1 The Chair of the Board shall make a division of schools among the nine trustees.
 - 3.1.1 Trustees become responsible for liaison with those schools for which that they have been assigned.
 - 3.1.2 However, the trustees' right to visit any school is acknowledged and encouraged.
- 3.2 The Chair of the Board shall also appoint trustee municipal liaisons for each of our municipalities and two First Nations and may, if required, appoint trustees to liaise with governmental partners.
 - 3.2.1 It is the responsibility of trustees to share information and advise the Board Chair or the Superintendent of emergent issues.
- 3.3 Consistent with the Trustee's Code of Ethics, the liaison trustee may not exercise the rights, duties or powers of the Board.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 The **Board Chair** is responsible to assign liaison trustees.

- 4.2 The **Superintendent** is responsible to ensure liaison trustees are made aware of appropriate information and events associated with their responsibilities.

5.0 REFERENCES

- i. Policy 8251- Trustees' Code of Ethics