Light of Christ RCSSD #16
Board Governance Policy No. 180

ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Board of Education supports the formation and operation of School Community Councils in all schools of Light of Christ RCSSD.

Procedures

1. School Community Councils

    a. Subject to Section 140, subsections (2) to (4) of The Education Act, 1995 the Board of Education is to establish a School Community Council for each school in its division.

    b. When a School Community Council is established in a school it will replace all other advisory groups within the school.

    c. Subject to the regulations and policies of the Board of Education every School Community Council is to consist of:

        i. no fewer than five and no more than nine elected members, the majority of whom must be electors, to represent parents of students and community members and,

        ii. appointed members.

    d. Each elected member of a School Community Council will hold office for two years and is eligible for re-election, except in the matter of the first election of members.

    e. In the first election for each School Community Council approximately one-half of the members are to be elected to one-year terms and the other members are to be elected to two-year terms.

    f. In the event of a vacancy in an elected member's position the Board of Education may appoint an individual to that position.

    g. A member of a School Community Council is required to vacate his/her office if:

        i. The member is convicted of an indictable offense

        ii. Is absent from three or more consecutive meetings without authorization

of the council or,

iii. The member ceases to be eligible pursuant to policies of the Board of Education.

h. Every School Community Council is expected to:

i. Facilitate parent and community participation in school planning

ii. Coordinate committees operating in support of the Council and the school program.

iii. Provide advice to the Board of Education

iv. Provide advice to the school staff

v. Provide advice to other agencies that may be involved in the development and learning of students and,

vi. Comply with the policies of the Board of Education.

i. Within six months of its organizational meeting, the School Community Council is to prepare a Constitution and Bylaws that will govern the operations of the council.

j. The Constitution and Bylaws must conform to all relevant sections of The Education Act, 1995 and to the Duties and Responsibilities of School Community Councils as determined by the Board of Education. This document must be submitted to the Board of Education for approval.