



Governance Policies

2.0 GOVERNANCE

2.1 ROLE OF THE BOARD

The citizens of the province are the owners of the B.C. public school system, and the citizens of the Sunshine Coast elect seven individuals as a Board of School Trustees to collectively govern School District No. 46. The Board's prime responsibility shall be to ensure that the Board exercises good judgement on behalf of the students in its care while understanding and addressing the expectations of the people of the Sunshine Coast within the legal and financial parameters set by the province.

Consequently, the Board shall:

- 2.1.1 Govern rather than manage the operations of the school district by establishing policies which express and interpret the communities' vision and values for education while acting in the best interests of all students.
- 2.1.2 Make decisions as a corporate body. Individual trustees have no authority to act for the school district or to direct staff.
- 2.1.3 Direct and monitor the school district through policies.
- 2.1.4 Monitor policy in one or more of three ways:
 - (a) Internal Report: Disclosure of compliance information to the Board from the Superintendent.
 - (b) External Report: Discovery of compliance by a disinterested, external auditor, specialist, or consultant who is selected by and reports directly to the Board.
 - (c) Direct Inspection: Discovery of compliance by a Trustee, a task group or the Board as a whole through inspection of documents, activities or circumstances as directed by the Board which allows a "prudent person" test of policy compliance.



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- 2.1.5 Be mindful of the professional, ethical and legal responsibilities in monitoring, especially in accessing records such as confidential client and personnel files.
- 2.1.6 Carry out other legislated responsibilities as required by the *School Act*, including but not limited to the following:
 - (a) Capital Plan
 - (b) Annual Operating Budget
 - (c) Annual Report
 - (d) Appointment of Auditor
 - (e) School Planning Councils
- 2.1.7 Engage the communities in an effort to advocate for the education of students.
- 2.1.8 Create appropriate partnerships with other agencies to foster effective and efficient delivery of education and other services to the citizens of the Sunshine Coast.