

Statement of Guiding Principles for the Board of Education

Policy No. 101.0

In keeping with its mandate as trustees of public education in the province of British Columbia, the Board of Education, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), believes that all trustees have responsibilities to:

- Conduct themselves in an ethical manner and adhere to the Trustee Standards of Conduct (Policy 101.2);
- Support the success of all students;
- Enhance connections with our communities and stakeholders;
- Recognize that the corporate role of the Board takes precedence over individual wishes or positions;
- Create, communicate, implement and evaluate a multi-year strategic plan;
- Respect the various roles and responsibilities of personnel;
- Commit to on-going professional development specific to the role of the trustee;
- Act with fiscal prudence; and,
- Act as advocates of public education.



The Planning Cycle

The rights, powers, duties and liabilities of the Board of Education rest only with the legally constituted Board, and not with committees of trustees or individual trustees.

The statutory duties and powers of the Board are set forth in the *School Act*. In general, the Board conducts itself within the following guidelines:

1. Legislative, in that the Board as a representative of the people of the district, has the authority to make and enforce policy;
2. Executive, in that the Board appoints a Superintendent of Schools/CEO to whom it delegates the authority for overseeing the implementation of its policies; and
3. Evaluative, in that it is the Board's duty to determine whether the schools are being operated efficiently, not only financially, but also in terms of the effectiveness of the schools' instructional program, based on the Board's Strategic Plan.

Specifically, the Board shall conduct itself in accordance with, and have all the powers and duties outlined in the School Act, as well as the School Act Regulations and Orders in Council, and Ministerial Orders, and School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) Board Policy & Regulations.