

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (LANGLEY)

POLICY MANUAL

Policy No. 0002

SUBJECT: STEWARDSHIP OF BOARD OF EDUCATION Date 96 11 04 05 01 06

The School Act in various sections and notably Section 85 sets forth the power, capacity and duties of the Board.

Essentially the Board holds in trust all the operations of the School District but delegates authority for the management and operation to the Superintendent of Schools.

With the integrity of the trust they hold, the Board focuses on:

Leadership

- providing visionary leadership and by creating the opportunity for the mission and vision of the district to emerge and be owned by all parties;
- providing and building commitment to a defined strategic direction;
- ensuring longer term planning and engaging in the development of financial, facilities, staffing and educational plans.

Governance

- providing for the formulation and adoption of policies at the broad governance level;
- assessing the implementation and operation of policies;
- acting as a final Board of Appeal to students, and parents, and staff where contractually or legislatively required;
- approving the annual budget and ensuring fiscal responsibility.

Relationships

- selecting, appointing, defining the stewardship expectations of the Superintendent of Schools;
- conducting the evaluation of the Superintendent;
- modeling and ensuring that all relationships are conducted upon the basis of District Beliefs;
- recognizing that Administration engages directly in matters pertaining to students and staff.

Learning

- ensuring that quality educational programs are being delivered to all learners in accordance with policies and expectations;
- modeling and developing a learning culture for all shareholders.

Government and Community Relations

- advocating between, and for the district and community groups, and vice versa;
- participating on Board committees interacting with the community;
- building the value of public education;
- advocating on behalf of the District with Provincial and other government bodies.

District Autonomy

- preserving things proper to the jurisdiction of a local education authority.