

Board of Education
School District 54 (Bulkley Valley)

POLICY DEVELOPMENT & CHANGE

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POLICY

Policy Statements are based on values and the Board, by simple majority vote, has sole authority to approve new policies, revise and rescind policies. Provincial and Federal legislation is paramount and district policy must not conflict with relevant legislation. The process of policy development shall provide sufficient opportunity for stakeholder consultation.

VALUES

The establishment and monitoring of policy is one of the Board's key **responsibilities** as policy provides a public statement of the Board's intent. The use of a consultative process ensures **fairness** and **honesty** in the policy development and monitoring process.

PROCEDURES

Policy needs may be identified by individual Trustees, Administration, Employees, PAC's, SPCs, parents or any member of the public.

Development & Approvals Process

The Board or a standing committee of the Board may direct Administration to coordinate the development or revision of policy. Administration will prepare and recommend a draft policy for committee review. The committee may make revisions to the draft policy and when satisfied, it may, by majority vote, recommend the draft policy for adoption to the Board.

Consultation

The Board should undertake a consultative process based on the following principles.

1. Minor revisions to policy, which do not change the intent of the policy, do not require consultation or notice of motion.

2. Major revisions or new policies require that defined stakeholder and/or impacted parties receive the draft policy, understand the Board's purpose and intent with respect to the policy, and have an opportunity to provide input through committee and Board processes.

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