

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 54**  
*(Bulkley Valley)*

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**DISTRICT PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**6.205**

**POLICY**

A District Parents' Advisory Council (DPAC), once established, shall be operated in a manner consistent with Section 8.4 and 8.5 of the *School Act*.

**VALUES**

In its consideration of this policy, the Board of Education has been governed by its legislative **responsibilities** under the *School Act*, and **respect** for the need for effective communication within the learning community.

**REGULATIONS**

Although sections 8.4 and 8.5 of the *School Act* provide general legislative parameters for the operation and mandate of DPACs, and given that section 67 (5.1) provides that the Board of Education may establish procedures respecting the provision of advice by a district parents' advisory council, the Board of Education supports the application of the following operating principles the DPAC within School District 54 (*Bulkley Valley*).

1. The DPAC shall provide the Board of Education with a list of its executive officers annually.
2. Although DPACs "*may advise the board on any matter relating to education in the school district*", every effort should be made to limit such advice to matters of policy, and in any case, advice should be guided by thoughtful consideration of matters. **Advice that jeopardizes the privacy of students or staff, relates to personnel or collective agreement issues, is not appropriate.**
3. Advice provided to the Board of Education may reflect a variety of perspectives on any given issue and need not reflect a resolution of the elected officers of the DPAC nor will any advice provided by the DPAC in any way, limit the ability of individual PACs to provide independent advice.
4. Advice should be provided through the Superintendent.
5. The DPAC may be asked to serve as a communications vehicle in the flow of information between the Board of Education and the DPAC's members.
6. Minutes of all regular board of education meetings will be made available on the district's website.

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<sup>1</sup> *School Act* s.8.5(1)