

OUR VSB

Parents' Advisory Councils

Information for
Parents/Guardians





LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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Parents' Advisory Council (PAC)



- ✓ What is a PAC?
- ✓ How does a PAC work?
- ✓ What is the purpose of a PAC?
- ✓ Resources for PACs

What is a PAC?

- ✓ Under the School Act, a Parents' Advisory Council is the officially recognized collective voice of parents/guardians within a school community.
- ✓ Every school has only one PAC that includes all parents/guardians as members.
- ✓ PAC meetings are intended to provide opportunities within each school community for parents/guardians to engage in dialogue with the principal (or designate) around matters affecting the school.

How does a PAC work?

- ✓ The **elected** officials of the PAC work with the parent/guardian community and the principal (or designate) to set monthly meeting agendas.
- ✓ The principal (or designate) attends meetings as a non-voting member of the PAC Executive.
- ✓ PAC meetings are an **opportunity** for parents/guardians to discuss and provide **advice** and **input** to school and District administration around matters important to the school community.
- ✓ Information about our PAC and PAC meetings is available on our school website.

What is the purpose of a PAC?

- ✓ Advise the school and District around matters relating to the school and/or school programs, policies, plans and activities
- ✓ Organize activities, events and parent/guardian education
- ✓ Encourage parent/guardian participation in the school
- ✓ Communicate with parents/guardians and promote co-operation between home and school

For the benefit of all students!!

PACs...

- ✓ PACs strive to represent the **diversity** within their communities.
- ✓ The work of the PAC must be **unbiased** in respect of race, colour, religion, politics, family status, gender, sexual orientation or physical or mental ability.
- ✓ PAC members adhere to Board policies, administrative procedures and parent responsibilities as outlined in section 1.4 of the [District Student Code of Conduct](#) when in attendance at school and District functions (including online and digital events).

The PAC is not a forum for the discussion of individual students, school personnel, parents/guardians or other members of the school community.

What do you do if you have a question or concern about your child's experience at school?

- Most questions and concerns at schools are best dealt with by speaking or meeting directly with the employee(s) involved, usually your child's teacher.
- Employee email addresses are available on the school website.
- The school principal is available to support you if you have any challenges connecting with the employee(s) involved.
- If you are not comfortable understanding or expressing myself in English your principal can support you through the provision of a VSB Multicultural Liaison Worker in your native language.
- The process parents and students are asked to follow is outlined in VSB [AP 152](#) and the [Conflict Resolution Process for School-Based Concerns](#).

Resources for PACs

[Parent Advisory Councils \(PAC\) \(vsb.bc.ca\)](https://vsb.bc.ca)

[Playground Guide for School Administrators and Parent Advisory Councils:](#)

This guide is for school administrators, PAC members and school community members who wish to install a new playground on their school grounds.

[Guidelines for Parent Advisory Council organized after-school private programs:](#) This guide is for PACs who may be interested in organizing private after-school programs for VSB students in their school.

The [BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils](#) provides more information about Parents' Advisory Councils in BC schools.

Coming soon: PAC Event Guidelines

We encourage
you to attend
PAC meetings!

Your voice and
participation
contribute to
building a
positive school
community!

