

# QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 1:00 P.M. VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

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Facilitator: Trustee Carol Kellogg

Mandate: To discuss and make recommendations to the Board on all matters related to Bylaws, Policy, Administrative Procedures.

#### **AGENDA**

We would like to give thanks and acknowledge that the lands on which we work and learn are on the shared traditional territory of the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose) First Nations People.

- 1. INTRODUCTIONS
- 2. FOR DISCUSSION
- 3. FOR INFORMATION
- 4. POLICIES POTENTIALLY GOING TO FIRST READING (Intent and philosophy and edits)
  - a. 600: Personnel (changes to years of service)
- 5. POLICIES POTENTIALLY GOING TO SECOND READING (Line by line content and edits)
  - a. Bylaw 1: Board of Education (consideration will also be given to the provincial criteria guidelines for Trustee Codes of Conduct: http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20230602/criteria-guidelines---may-25.pdf)
- 6. POLICIES POTENTIALLY GOING TO THIRD AND FINAL READING

(Final review including input on AP's)

- a. 100: Sustainable Practices
- b. 301: Living Wage
- 7. FUTURE TOPICS
- 8. NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, October 16, 2023 via video conferencing



**BOARD POLICY 600** 

**PERSONNEL** 

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#### Context:

Schools are learning environments that are focused on producing educated citizens. As modelling is one of the most powerful tools in learning, positive treatment of personnel is central to any school district.

# **Policy Statement:**

The Board of Education will seek to develop and maintain a positive, healthy and productive climate for all employees at all sites within the district.

## **Guiding Principles:**

The Board believes that:

- 1. Members of MATA, CUPE, QDPVPA and exempt staff are valuable contributors to the achievement of our students and we encourage their input in decision making.
- 2. The physical, emotional, and intellectual health of all personnel must be maintained in balance with the health and welfare of our learners.
- 3. All personnel will be fairly and properly reimbursed for legitimate expenses related to their positions.
- In order to support and improve performance and productivity, all personnel will be subject to a performance review process in keeping with contractual language and contracts of employment.
- 5. Positive recognition of personnel shall be on-going with specific acknowledgement by the Board of long-term service and retirement from the district.
- 6. Because employee input is valued, exit interviews should be offered to employees who are leaving the employ of the district.

#### **Definitions:**

- Long-term service is marked when an employee reaches <u>10/</u>20/<u>30</u> years of service in the district.
- Appropriate records checks are defined through police services. Criminal Records and Vulnerable Sector Checks are examples.

#### References:

- Administrative Procedure to Board Policy 600: Personnel
- Board Policy 302: Communities and Volunteers' Involvement in our School District
- Criminal Records Review Act
- Mount Arrowsmith Teachers' Association (MATA) Collective Agreement

#### **Dates of Adoption/Amendments:**

Adopted: 2021.09.28 Amended: **2022.11.22** 



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#### **PURPOSE**

A bylaw to provide for procedures for the conduct of general school elections, other trustee elections, outline board role, trustee role and code of ethics conduct including process for breaches.

#### I. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES:

Under the *School Act*, the Board of Education may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of trustee elections.

In School District No. 69 (Qualicum), under the *School Act*, trustee elections in the following trustee electoral areas are the responsibility of the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum):

No. of Trustees to be elected.	Electoral Areas to be represented			
1	E of the Regional District of Nanaimo,			
	District of Lantzville			
1	F of the Regional District of Nanaimo			
2	G of the Regional District of Nanaimo,			
	the City of Parksville,			
	the Town of Qualicum Beach and			
	E of the Regional District of Powell River			
	(Lasqueti Island)			
1	H of the Regional District of Nanaimo			

The Board of Education wishes to establish various procedures and requirements under the authority of the *School Act* for trustee elections.

The Board of Education, in an open meeting of the board, enacts as follows:

### 1. Definitions

The terms used shall have the meanings assigned by the *School Act* and the *Local Government Act*, except as the context indicates otherwise.

"Election" means a trustee election.

"Board" or "school board" means the Board of Education of School District No.69 (Qualicum).

#### 2. Application

This bylaw applies to both general elections and by-elections and to those trustee elections carried out by other authorities, except as otherwise indicated.

#### 3. Resolution of Tie Votes after Judicial Recount

In the event of a tie vote after a judicial recount, the tie vote will be resolved by conducting a lot in accordance with the *School Act* and the *Local Government Act*.



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# 4. Mandatory Advance Voting Opportunities and Local Government Special Voting Opportunities

As required by the *Local Government Act* and the *School Act*, the mandatory advance voting opportunities are established as follows:

- i. on the tenth day before general voting day; and
- ii. for a trustee election that is the subject of an agreement or agreements with the local governments of the Regional District of Nanaimo, the City of Parksville, the Town of Qualicum Beach, the District of Lantzville or the Regional District of Powell River under which either the local government conducts all or part of the trustee election on behalf of the school board, or a local government election is conducted in conjunction with the trustee election: the date specified for the additional mandatory advance voting opportunity as well as the date, location and voting hours of any special voting opportunities in the general election bylaw of that local government, as it is amended from time to time, shall apply in the trustee electoral area or part of the trustee electoral area that is the subject of the agreement;
- iii. for a trustee election that is not the subject of an agreement referred to in (ii): the third day before general voting day.

# 5. Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

As authorized under the *Local Government Act* and the *School Act* the school board authorizes the chief election officer to establish additional advance voting opportunities for each election to be held in advance of general voting day and to designate the voting places, establish the date and the voting hours for these voting opportunities.

# 6. Additional General Voting Opportunities

As authorized by the *Local Government Act* and the *School Act*, the school board authorizes the chief election officer to establish additional voting opportunities for general voting day for each election and to designate the voting places and voting hours, within the limits set out in the *Local Government Act*, for such voting opportunities.

# 7. Special Voting Opportunities

As authorized under the *Local Government Act* and the *School Act*, the school board authorizes the chief election officer to establish special voting opportunities for each election and to designate the location, the date and the voting hours, within the limits set out in the *Local Government Act*, for such special voting opportunities.

#### 8. Public Access to Election Documents

The Board authorizes posting of nomination documents of trustee candidates on the website of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) until 30 days after declaration of the election results.



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#### 9. Public Access to Election Documents Cont.

- The Board authorizes but does not require chief election officers to post nomination documents of trustee candidates for public access on any or all of websites of the City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach, Regional District of Nanaimo and Regional District of Powell River, until such time as established by the bylaws of the relevant local government.
- ii. The Board authorizes posting of trustee candidates' campaign financing disclosure statements and declarations and supplementary statements and declarations on the website of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) until one year from general voting day.
- iii. The Board authorizes but does not require chief elections officers to post campaign financing disclosure statements for public access on any or all of websites of the City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach, Regional District of Nanaimo and Regional District of Powell River, until such time as established by the bylaws of the relevant local government.

#### II. BOARD ROLE:

As the corporate body elected by the voters, the Board of Education is responsible for the development of goals and policies to guide the provision of educational services to students attending District schools and programs, in keeping with the requirements of government legislation and the values of the electorate.

#### SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBLITY

# 1. Accountability to Governments

The Board shall:

- 1.1 Act in accordance with all statutory requirements of federal and provincial legislation to implement educational standards and policies.
- 1.2 Perform Board functions required by governing legislation and existing Board policy.

#### 2. Accountability to and Engagement of Community

The Board shall:

- 2.1 Make decisions that address the needs and demands of the district.
- 2.2 Establish processes and provide opportunities for community input including all stakeholders and rights holders.
- 2.3 Communicate the district strategic plan, and achievements of students and staff to the community, at least annually.
- 2.4 Develop procedures for and hear appeals as required by statute and/or board policy.
- 2.5 Provide for two-way communication between board and stakeholder groups.
- 2.6 Meet regularly with municipal governments and other educational/public service or business governing authorities to achieve educational ends.
- 2.7 Model a culture consistent with district values.



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# 3. Planning

The Board shall:

- 3.1 Provide overall direction for the district by establishing a vision, values and strategic issues to be addressed.
- 3.2 Develop and approve the district's long term strategic plan.
- 3.3 Annually set district goals and key results, aligned with the district's strategic plan
- 3.4 Monitor progress toward the achievement of student outcomes and other desired results.
- 3.5 Annually evaluate the effectiveness of the district in achieving established goals and desired results.

### 4. Policy

The Board shall:

- 4.1 Identify the purpose to be achieved and the criteria for a new policy.
- 4.2 Make the final decision as to the approval of all policy statements.
- 4.3 Evaluate policy impact to determine if policy has created the desired change.
- 4.4 Determine policies and bylaws which outline how the board is to function.
- 4.5 Monitor policy changes and seek input on those changes.
- 4.6 Delegate authority to the superintendent and define commensurate responsibilities.

# 5. Board/Superintendent Relations

The Board shall:

- 5.1 Select the superintendent
- 5.2 Provide the superintendent with clear corporate direction.
- 5.3 Delegate in writing, administrative authority and identify responsibility subject to the provisions and restrictions in provincial legislation and regulations.
- 5.4 Evaluate the superintendent and review compensation in accordance with the superintendent's contract.
- 5.5 Respect the authority of the superintendent to carry out executive action and support the superintendent's actions which are exercised within the delegated discretionary powers of the position.

# 6. Political Advocacy

The Board shall:

- 6.1 Address external issues in a manner consistent with district values.
- 6.2 Make decisions regarding British Columbia School Trustee Association (BCSTA) and British Columbia Public Sector Employees' Association (BCPSEA) issues.
- 6.3 Advance district positions and priorities through relevant provincial organizations and associations.
- 6.4 Educate and inform the public



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# 7. Board Development

The Board shall:

- 7.1 Annually evaluate the Board's effectiveness.
- 7.2 Annually develop a Board development plan aligned with District priorities.

#### 8. Fiscal Accountability

The Board shall:

- 8.1 Approve process and timelines for budget deliberations.
- 8.2 In collaboration with the superintendent, identify assumptions and draft priorities for the creation of the annual budget.
- 8.3 Approve the annual budget which aligns with key goals and the strategic plan.
- 8.4 Annually approve the district's facilities planning document.
- 8.5 Annually appoint or reappoint the auditor and approve the terms of engagement.
- 8.6 Review annually the audit report and management letter.
- 8.7 Provide direction regarding the mandate for local employee negotiations.
- 8.8 Make decisions regarding ratification of memoranda of agreement with bargaining units.
- 8.9 Approve the acquisition and disposition of district land and buildings.
- 8.10 Approve tender selection for contracts over \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars)
- 8.11 Approve construction projects in excess of \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars)

#### 9. Selected Responsibilities

- 9.1 Establish parameters for early retirement incentive plans.
- 9.2 Approve local school calendars, as requested in accordance with legislation.
- 9.3 Approve Board/Authority Authorized Courses
- 9.4 Hear appeals on the reconsideration of resource materials which are challenged.
- 9.5 Approve the naming of educational facilities and land.
- 9.6 Recognize students, staff and community members.
- 9.7 Approve school catchment areas.
- 9.8 Approve transportation service level changes.
- 9.9 Approve District partnerships.

#### III. ROLE OF THE TRUSTEE:

As members of the corporate board, trustees are accountable to the public for the collective decisions of the board and for the delivery and quality of educational services. A trustee must serve the community as an elected representative, but the trustee's primary task is to act as a member of a corporate board. A trustee acting individually has only the authority and status of any other citizen in the district.



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### **Specific Responsibilities:**

- 1. Support the decision of the Board and monitor progress to ensure decisions are implemented.
- 2. Strive to develop a positive and respectful learning and working culture both within the board and the district.
- Become familiar with, and adhere to, the Trustee Code of Ethics Conduct.
- 4. Bring to the attention of the Board any issues that may significantly affect the District, and interpret the needs of the community to the board.
- 5. Refer queries, issues or problems raised by a parent or community member about a teacher or classroom, to the teacher or about a principal or a school, to the principal and, where appropriate, inform the Superintendent or designate. Also refer to School District 69 Board Policy: 710: Resolution of Student and Parent Complaints.
- 6. Act as a liaison to assigned schools according to purpose and parameters as outlined in Liaison Schools Purpose and Parameters which can be found in the Trustee Handbook.
- 7. Keep the Board and the Superintendent informed in a timely manner of matters coming to his/her attention that might affect the district.
- 8. Provide the Superintendent with counsel and advice, giving the benefit of the trustee's judgment, experience and familiarity with the community.
- Come prepared to board meetings, participate in, and contribute to, the decisions
  of the board in order to provide the best solutions possible for the education of
  children within the district.
- 10. If a personal disagreement arises between a member of the team and another member, a one to one meeting between the two should be arranged to deal with and resolve the disagreement.
- 11. If there is any doubt about contacting employees of the district, the Superintendent or the Secretary Treasurer should be contacted first.
- 12. Strive to develop a positive and respectful learning and working culture both within the board and the district, based on collaboration and transparency.



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#### IV. TRUSTEE CODE OF ETHICS CONDUCT:

- 1. It is vital that the Board of Education commits itself and its members to conduct which is appropriate and ethical. All personal interactions should be respectful and should acknowledge the worth of each person.
- 2. In compliance with the B.C. Human Rights Code, trustees will endeavor to ensure that all schools in School District 69 (Qualicum) provide the best quality education possible for all of our students regardless of their ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, creed, social standing or any physical or mental disability conditions.
- 3. Trustees must devote time, thought and study to the duties and responsibilities of being a trustee so as to be able to render effective and competent decisions.
- 4. Trustees must work together to communicate to the electorate the facts about our schools.
- 5. Trustees as individuals have no Board authority. All relationships must be conducted based on this fact. Media interviews must be handled by the Board Chair, Vice-chair or Superintendent unless expressly delegated to the individual trustee.
- 6. All in camera business is to be kept strictly confidential.
- 7. Trustees must respect the Superintendent's responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the district.
- 8. Trustees are expected to refer all complaints and criticisms to the proper process.
- 9. The board as a whole has to take responsibility to resolve potentially dysfunctional situations and strive to build dynamics that demonstrate:
  - 9.1 A commitment to collaborative decision-making
  - 9.2 A commitment to doing the homework and sharing responsibility
  - 9.3 A commitment to contributing to public meetings in a way that earns public confidence in the work of the Board
  - 9.3 A commitment to put the good of the school system before individual political agendas
  - 9.4 A commitment to focus at least as much on assessing the value of initiatives as in controlling costs

#### PROCEDURE FOR BEHAVIOUR CONTRARY TO THIS BYLAW:

1. Trustees are expected to abide by all policies and will be subject to the same procedures as all other board employees and contractors.



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- 2. The Board may take action against a trustee to protect its dignity, integrity and proper function, and to act fairly in providing procedural protections based on the level of severity of a breech of conduct.
- 3. The Board has an obligation to act fairly and to provide procedural protections based on the level of severity of the breech.
- 4. Procedural protection may range from a report to the board, to a formal censure process, judicial review and appeal to the Ombudsperson,
- 5. If proactive measures do not result in changed behaviour, disciplinary measures for breaches may be imposed in a remedial and restorative manner, reflecting the seriousness of the breach. These measures may include the offending trustee:
  - Writing a letter of apology;
  - Participating in a restorative justice process;
  - Participating in specific training, coaching, or counselling as directed by the board;
  - Being subject to a motion of censure passed by a majority of the voting trustees at a closed (i.e.,in-camera) board meeting; or
  - Being removed from one, some, or all board committees or other appointments by a majority of voting trustees at an in-camera board meeting.
- 6. It is important to note that, except as expressly permitted by the School Act, a board's authority does not extend so far as to effectively remove a trustee from their elected office.

#### REFERENCES:

#### **BC** Ombundsperson

https://bcombudsperson.ca/guide/complaint-handling-guide/ https://bcombudsperson.ca/fairness-education-resources/fairness-consultation/

#### **Board of Education School District 69 Bylaws and Policies**

https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Board/Policies-and-Bylaws/Pages/default.aspx#/=

### The School Act Part 4

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96412 04#part4

#### The Local Government Act

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/lc/statreg/r15001 00

#### **Provincial Criteria Guidelines for Trustee Codes of Conduct**

https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20230602/criteria-quidelines---may-25.pdf

# DATES OF ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS:

**Adopted:** January 1999

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This bylaw may be cited as "School District No.69 (Qualicum) Board of Education Bylaw No.1. "

Read a first time this \_\_ day of MONTH YEAR.

Read a second time this \_\_ day of MONTH YEAR.

Read a third and final time, passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of MONTH YEAR.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY TREASURER



#### **BOARD POLICY 100**

#### SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

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#### Context:

The Board of Education recognizes a world-wide climate emergency is occurring. Environmental sustainability is the responsibility of trustees, senior staff, principals/vice principals, teachers, students, support staff, parents and community.

#### **Policy Statement:**

The Board will take action\_to reduce operational and life-cycle costs, lessen the impact on our domestic energy infrastructure, and provide environmental stewardship through lower carbon emissions.

The Board will ensure that every effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources while exercising sound financial management.

The Board will provide a strong educational approach to understanding the climate emergency.

### **Guiding Principles:**

- a. A strategic approach to energy management, including assessing baseline performance, setting goals and targets, creating an energy management plan, tracking performance and communicating results.
- b. The review and continuous improvement of the school district's energy management plan within the financial resources available.
- c. The development and delivery of educational programs, activities and initiatives that enable students to develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes that will help sustain the environment.
- d. Communicating environmental sustainability initiatives, and consulting with partner groups on the implementation of new initiatives.
- e. The encouragement <u>expectation</u> of students and staff to <u>be cognizant of actively reduce</u> their energy use and material consumption.
- f. The integration of environmentally sustainable considerations into the operations educational and business decisions of the school district.
- g. The selection of equipment and systems in consideration of energy issues, product incentives and rebates from utility providers.

#### **Definitions:**

Sustainable practices are those business, educational, and individual practices that result in a smaller carbon footprint and enhanced prescence in our curriculum aimed at creating a culture of conservation.

#### References:

- Administrative Procedure: Sustainable Practices
- Sustainable Schools Best Practices Guide, Ministry of Education

# **Dates of Adoption/Amendments:**

Adopted: 92.02.25

Amended: 94.02.22: 16.08.31: **20.09.22** 

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#### **Purpose**

These Administrative Procedures will support Policy 100: Sustainable Practices in order to develop the collective responsibility to protect and conserve the environment.

# Requirements

- 1. The Secretary-Treasurer (or designate) shall establish an energy management plan that includes, but is not limited to, the following components:
  - a. Integration of environmentally sustainable considerations into the school district's business decisions related to:
    - i. Lighting
    - ii. Heating, ventilation, air conditioning systems
    - iii. Renovation and new construction
    - iv. Recycling programs
  - b. Purchasing policies that encourage suppliers to meet or exceed the district's environmental management standards.
  - c. Mechanisms to regularly assess and continually improve the district's environmental sustainability performance.
  - d. Creating, managing and monitoring a carbon reduction plan in keeping with provincial programs and expectations of government.
- 2. The Director of Operations (or designate) will be responsible for managing all expenditures, and for formulating and implementing the energy management plan.
- 3. The Director of Operations (or designate) will be responsible for tracking and monitoring energy consumption, and for coordinating energy management and sustainability activities with principals/vice principals, teachers, support staff and students.
- 4. The school principal will facilitate energy management programs and procedures at the school. Efficient use of the various energy systems of each school will be the joint responsibility of the principal and the General Manager Director of Operations. This includes the closing of windows and doors during when the HVAC is required, turning off of lights, and the removal of extraneous applicances.
- 5. Principals and vice-principals will be responsible for ensuring that climate action is a consideration for field trips in keeping with Board policy 502.
- 6. Teachers and support staff are encouraged to integrate environmental themes at every level and provide the opportunity for students to participate in energy management initiatives.



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7. The District shall encourage the use of locally developed Environmental Studies courses and/or units in schools and learning activities that utilize a wide range of appropriate local environmental field trips.

# References:

Board Policy 100: Sustainable PracticesBoard Policy 502: Field Experiences (Trips)

• Sustainable Schools Best Practices Guide, Ministry of Education and Child Care

# **Dates of Adoption and Ammendments:**

Adopted: 16.08.31

Ammended: 2020.09.22: 2022.10.25



**BOARD POLICY 301** 

LIVING WAGE

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#### Context:

The Board strives to be a responsible and just employer in the Oceanside area. Paying a living wage on an hourly basis is a way to express these values. The Board understands that families may work less than part-time or have non-traditional family earnings and we share our responsibility for living wage provision with individuals, governments and community.

#### **Policy Statement:**

This Policy is to <u>ensure encourage</u> that all School District 69 (Qualicum) staff service providers and sub-contractors to our School District who work on School District premises for a specified period of time earn, at a minimum, an hourly *Living Wage* based on calculations which are congruent with the methodology developed by the *Living Wage For Families Campaign*.

### **Guiding Principles:**

- 1. The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) believes that it is important to demonstrate social responsibility through actions that have a positive impact on our community, our staff and the people we serve.
- 2. The Board of Education believes that families should earn an hourly rate sufficient for them to pay for the basic necessities of life so that they can live with dignity and participate as active members of our communities.
- 3. As a responsible employer, the Board of Education recognizes that paying a *Living Wage* constitutes a critical investment in the well-being of our staff and the broader community.

#### **Definitions:**

- 1. Employees are all Union and Exempt Staff employed by the District in either a full-time, part-time, or casual, spare board, or replacement worker capacity.
- 2. Living Wage is the hourly rate of pay that enables wage-earners living in a family (2 parents and 2 children) household to:
  - a) Feed, clothe and provide shelter (based on rental rates) for their family
  - b) Promote healthy child development (child care expenses)
  - c) Participate in activities that are an ordinary element of life in the community
  - d) Avoid the chronic stress associated with living in poverty
  - e) Small savings to be used in emergencies.



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Living Wage does not include:

- a) Debt or credit card repayment
- b) Any significant savings (for example to provide a downpayment for a house or to send a student to university)
- c) Recreation or entertainment costs beyond that needed for physical and emotional health.
- d) Care of an ill, disabled or aged family member.
- 3. Premises are all District-owned premises, roadways, and grounds.
- 4. Service Providers are companies and their employees that have a direct business relationship to the School District 69 (Qualicum). These employees are individuals that perform services to the District on District premises.
- 5. Sub-contractors are companies and their employees that have been sub-contracted by our Service Providers. They do not have a direct business relationship with School District 69 (Qualicum).

#### References:

- http://www.livingwageforfamilies.ca
- Administrative Procedures to Board Policy 301

# **Dates of Adoption/Amendments:**

Adopted: 15.11.24 Amended: **2020.04.28** 



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#### **Purpose**

# These Administrative Procedures are written in support of Board Policy 301: Living Wage

Implementation, Compliance and Communication:

- 1. The living wage will be set annually by staff based on the methodology developed by the Living Wage for Families Campaign (www.livingwageforfamilies.ca)
- 2. This policy will encompass all district employees, service providers and sub-contractor employees with the following exclusions:
  - a. Students seeking work experience credits for educational purposes;
  - b. Volunteers; and,
  - c. Employees of organizations (for profit or not-for-profit) that lease space/property from the district.
- 3. The district, as a living wage employer, will ensure all staff are paid no less than the living wage as established in the year of ratifying of any of the district's collective agreements with its unions. The district will not open up any existing collective agreement during its existence to adjust hourly rates in the event those hourly rates dip below the living wage for that year. For example, if in year 2 of a 3-year agreement an employee's hourly rate falls below the living wage hourly rate for that present year, no alteration to the collective agreement will be considered.
- 4. The District has established the following criteria to determine a service provider's or subcontractor's eligibility under the Living Wage Policy.
  - a. An employee of a service provider or of its sub-contractor must perform services physically on district premises.
  - b. Work must last longer than one four continuous hours per occasion. <u>exceed 120</u> hours of labour per year, or 0.5% of the school district purchasing budget, as per Living Wage policy.
- 5. The district requires all service providers and sub-contractors, whose services fall within the parameters established within this policy, to be compliant for the duration of their contract with the district.
- 6. The district will incorporate into all of its competitive bid documents (invitations to tender, requests for proposal, quotes, etc.) a sample declaration to be signed as part of the service provider's contract with the district.
- 7. The district will enforce the policy by performing audits of its service providers and subcontractors when notification of non-compliance is received by the district. Noncompliance may result in the cancellation of the contract at the discretion of the district.

## Reference:

Board Policy 301: Living Wage

#### **Dates of Adoption and Amendments:**

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