

Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee of the Whole on Equitable Funding Terms of Reference

The Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee of the Whole on Equitable Funding (the “Committee”) is established by the Board of Education to explore ways to advocate for and achieve the equitable distribution of CommunityLINK, Equity of Opportunity Supplement (EOS), and National School Food Program (NSFP) funding for School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge–Pitt Meadows).

The Committee will examine current provincial funding structures, develop advocacy strategies, and provide recommendations to the Board of Education for consideration.

Responsibilities

- Review the current funding models and their impact on School District No. 42.
- Identify inequities in the provincial allocation of funding.
- Gather and review relevant research and comparative district data.
- Explore options, strategies, and pathways to recommend to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to achieve equitable funding for the district.
- Develop and recommend advocacy approaches for Board consideration.
- Provide updates and final recommendations to the Board of Education.

The Committee is advisory in nature and does not have decision-making authority.

Confidentiality

Deliberations and information received at Committee meetings shall be treated as private and confidential and shall not be published, released, or disclosed except to trustees of the Board, the Superintendent, the Secretary Treasurer, or as required under the *School Act* or *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Composition

- The Committee is a committee of the whole; all trustees may attend and participate.
- Meetings will be chaired by the Board Chairperson or designate.
- The Committee will be assisted by the Secretary Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools, and additional district staff may attend or be invited to participate, as required.
- All committee members shall commit to ethical conduct, proper use of authority, decorum, and professional conduct.

Minutes

- Minutes of Committee recommendations shall be recorded by the Secretary Treasurer or designate.
- Minutes shall record recommendations but will not include the contents of speeches.
- Verbal reports from Committee members will not be recorded unless they result in a formal Committee recommendation.
- A copy of all Committee minutes shall be provided to the Board of Education.

Reporting

The Committee will report to the Board of Education on its progress and will bring forward any recommendations arising from its work.

Duration

The Committee will operate from the time these Terms of Reference are approved until:

- the established goals of the Committee have been achieved, or
- the end of the current term of office, whichever occurs first.

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