

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## Policy B.3.D

The Frontier Board of Trustees believes that students in Frontier School Division are most successful when parents and community members provide support, guidance and direction to the school and when the student, school, home and community share responsibility for education. The primary role of a school committee is to provide this support, guidance and direction.

As the foundation of the governance system in Frontier School Division, the role and responsibilities of school committees are established by legislation. *The Public Schools Act* states:

*17(6) A local school committee for a ward shall advise the area superintendent and the principal of each school in the ward with respect to school matters arising in the ward, and shall encourage the involvement of residents of the ward in those matters and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall with respect to that ward*

- (a) make recommendations respecting the hiring of the principals, teachers and other school staff personnel;*
- (b) make recommendations respecting the need to evaluate the performance of any person employed by the school board;*
- (c) review and make recommendations respecting proposed capital construction projects, the proposed annual budget and monthly expenditures;*
- (d) review and make recommendations respecting changes in policies, procedures, programs and activities;*
- (e) review and make recommendations annually respecting the short and long term priorities for each school in the ward; and*
- (f) make recommendations respecting the transportation of students.*

In addition to the above, the school committee is required, by legislation, to elect one member as a member to the area advisory committee for the area in which the school committee is located.

To assist a school committee in carrying out its role and responsibilities effectively, each school committee will have a written constitution, terms of reference, and a code of ethics to guide the operation of the committee.

Information: [The Public Schools Act, Section 17\(6\), Section 17\(8\)](#)  
[Frontier School Division School Committee Resource Manual](#)

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