

## **POLICY 181 TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

Fulfillment of Board responsibilities requires Trustees to remain informed and develop their knowledge and skills. Trustees are encouraged to seek, identify and attend seminars, conferences or workshops related to their roles and responsibilities.

The Board shall include funds in the annual governance budget to cover expenses.

### Guidelines

1. Trustees have an annual budget allocation of \$2,500 for attendance at relevant professional development opportunities. Unspent professional development funds can be carried over to the next year until the end of the elected term of office. Attendance at British Columbia School Trustees Association Annual General Meetings is reimbursed under a separate budget line
2. District staff will make Trustees aware of learning opportunities available to assist with their professional learning planning. From time to time, group activities with the Board may be recommended.
3. Regarding learning experiences such as seminars, conferences and workshops, Trustees will advise the Board in advance of their intentions, prior to making any commitments.
4. Publications related to a Trustee's duties can be reimbursed from a Trustee's professional learning budget.
5. Reimbursement will be made in accordance with the Trustee Expense Policy.