

POLICY 182 TRUSTEE ORIENTATION

The Board is accountable to the public for the success of the school district and that success is directly dependent upon each Trustee's ability to participate meaningfully in Board governance.

The Board and senior leadership team will make every effort to assist new Trustees to become fully informed about their roles and responsibilities. The Superintendent will arrange for the orientation of newly elected Trustees.

Incumbent Trustees are expected to participate in orientation activities to assist their newly elected colleagues.

Guidelines

1. Once elected, the Board Chair, with the assistance of the Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer, will arrange for a series of meetings with Trustees, the Superintendent and other district staff for the purpose of acquainting the newly elected Trustees with:
 - 1.1. Roles and responsibilities of the Board and individual Trustees.
 - 1.2. Trustee Code of Conduct.
 - 1.3. Statutory and regulatory requirements, including responsibilities with regard to conflict of interest.
 - 1.4. Organizational structure and the roles of the Superintendent and other district staff.
 - 1.5. Policy development process.
 - 1.6. Strategic Plan.
 - 1.7. Board budget process.
 - 1.8. Board Bylaws.
 - 1.9. Board meeting procedures.
 - 1.10. Existing district initiatives, annual reports, budgets, financial statements and long range facility plans.
 - 1.11. Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement and Local Education Agreements.
 - 1.12. Diversity and inclusion practices and applicable training.
 - 1.13. Key programs and services in the district.
 - 1.14. The Board's function as an appeal body.
 - 1.15. Other areas as required or requested.
2. Newly elected Trustees will also be encouraged to participate in the New Trustees Academy organized by the British Columbia School Trustees Association.