

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 governance budget each fiscal year to cover trustee professional learning expenses. These funds will be prorated in the year of an election. The amount is available on July 1 of each year.

Guidelines

1. Trustees annual budget allocation of \$2,500 is for attendance at relevant professional development opportunities. Unspent professional development funds can be carried over to the next year for a maximum annual balance of \$5,000. 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.