

 <p>ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT</p>	<h2>GOVERNANCE POLICIES</h2>
Policy Type	Governance Process
Policy Name	Role of Council Members
Policy Number	ASD-W-GP4
Effective Date: September 20, 2012	Revised: November 16, 2023

<p><u>Policy:</u></p> <p>The District Education Council has a collective regional responsibility of governance and policy making for public education as mandated by the Education Act and its Regulations.</p>
<p>In addition to the responsibilities set down in the Education Act and its Regulations, and incorporated in the Governance Policies of the District Education Council, an individual representative shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be expected to attend regular, public District Education Council meetings in accordance with the Education Act (ref. Education Act 36.9(f)) and notify the Chairperson and Executive Assistant when unable to attend a meeting. • Councillors elected or appointed for the 13 Sub-Districts of ASD-West are expected to attend at least three (3) PSSC meetings for each of the schools assigned to them to foster and maintain appropriate communications between the parent/community group and the Council. • The First Nations Councillor is a “Councillor-at-Large” and thus may attend the PSSC meetings at any ASD-West school attended by First Nations students. The First Nations Councillor may also attend meetings at any First Nations school to which they are invited by the First Nations Chief or Director of Education for a First Nations community. • The Student Councillor is a “Councillor-at-Large” and may attend the PSSC meetings at any ASD-West school. They are also the DEC representative on the Council of Student Leaders Committee and is responsible for bringing student issues to the attention of the Council. • Be encouraged to serve on statutory, regulatory and ADHOC committees of the District Education Council as required. • Be expected to safeguard and keep confidential all materials and information discussed or placed in confidence. • Be expected to be prepared for and actively participate in discussion and decision making.

- Respect decisions of the full Council.
- Exercise their authority and responsibility to govern only as a representative of the corporate body, not as an individual.
- Exercise honesty in all written and interpersonal interaction.
- Demonstrate respect for the opinions of others.
- Focus on issues and common goals.
- Communicate in a timely manner.
- Share concerns, information, and knowledge.
- Make every reasonable effort to protect the integrity and promote the positive image of the school district and the District Education Council.

Representatives, as full participating members of the District Education Council, may be expected to:

- Act as a representative of the District Education Council at official functions.
- Be involved in Provincial representative organizations and committees.
- Consult and communicate with constituents, community, and business organizations regarding District Education Council activities.
- Attend conferences, workshops, etc. to be kept informed of current educational issues.
- Reflect community attitudes while also providing leadership in decision making.

MONITORING:

Method(s)	Frequency	Month
• Council Self-evaluation	• 1 time per year	• December