

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

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The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board recognizes the benefits which accrue when students play an active role in the day to day life of their school. Each secondary school shall have a year-round student government body elected by the students.

Each student government should be founded upon the following characteristics: effective leadership; communication and cooperation; collaboration with school administration and staff; equitable representation; a focus on school climate and spirit; supporting democratic principles and providing opportunities for student input and decision making.

The student government shall be democratic, approachable, responsible and will make decisions affecting the student community, in consultation with the principal/designate.

1. Membership of Student Government

- 1.1 The process for selecting student representatives of the student government shall be democratic and provide opportunity for all students to be involved.
- 1.2 The student government will reflect, whenever possible, representatives/members of various age, gender, ability, program and/or grade.
- 1.3 The student government will form an Executive Council including an elected leader. The election process will include criteria for selection and the principal/designate will oversee the process.
- 1.4 All members of the student government are expected to follow Board and school policies, administrative regulations and guidelines.
- 1.5 Members of student government are expected to model the Character Attributes identified by the Board and act in good faith at all times.

2. Constitution

- 2.1 Each student government shall have its own Constitution.
- 2.2 The Constitution shall have by-laws that may address the areas of membership and eligibility, quorum, conflict resolution, election of officers, roles of officers and members, filling of vacancies, financial accountability, decision-making, purpose, scope of activities, communications, and conflict of interest.

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2.3 The Constitution may outline a process for establishing committees.

2.4 Each Constitution shall be reviewed every two years by the Student Government.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 The principal/designate staff advisor:

3.1.1 The principal of each school is responsible for advising or selecting an appropriate staff advisor for the student government.

3.1.2 The principal/designate must be in attendance for a duly constituted meeting of the student government.

3.1.3 The principal/designate will provide supervision, assistance, resources, information and advice as needed in order to assist the student government in meeting their goals and objectives.

3.2 The leader of student government:

3.2.1 The leader of the student government will act as the chair for all meetings of the student government, set the agenda in consultation with the principal/designate, co-ordinate student government events and activities, and other duties as may be required from time to time.

3.2.2 The leader of the student government is expected to participate in student leadership training as provided by the Board wherever possible.

3.2.3 The leader of the student government is expected to follow Board and school policies, administrative regulations and guidelines.

3.2.4 The leader of the student government or designate is expected to be a member of the Student Leadership Group.

3.3 Members of student government shall attend and participate in meetings of the student government, as well as fulfill the duties of their respective positions.