

***SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD***

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- 2.5.1. A Student Trustee will be disqualified if the student is absent without approval of the Board for three consecutive regular Board meetings which s/he has been designated to attend.
- 2.5.2 A Student Trustee who ceases to be qualified to act as a Student Trustee shall resign from the position.
- 2.5.3 If a Student Trustee wishes to resign, the student must notify the Chair of the Board in writing, preferably 30 days in advance. Such a letter will be deemed to be a resignation.

### **3.0 The Student Senate**

- 3.1 The Student Senate means the organization composed of the members of the secondary Student Councils, as well as one student voting member from each of as

## **4.0 Indigenous Youth Council**

**4.1** The term *Indigenous Youth Council* refers to the organization constituted by the membership of this Council.

**4.1.1** Members of the Council shall be defined as students who self-identify as Indigenous, which includes First Nation, Métis, or Inuit, and are currently enrolled in grades 6 to 12.

**4.1.2** The Council's membership shall include students meeting the criteria outlined in section 4.1.1 who are enrolled in Superior-Greenstone District School Board (SGDSB), Superior North Catholic District School Board (SNCDSB), or any partnering First Nation schools.

**4.1.3** It shall be the responsibility of the Indigenous Student Trustee to provide leadership Indigenous Youth Council to ensure that the mandate, function and scope of the Indigenous Youth Council are achieved.

### 4.2 Meetings and Communications

**4.2.1** The Indigenous Youth Council shall convene (but not limited to) a minimum four (4) meetings in each school year.

**4.2.2** Meetings may be conducted via teleconference or electronic means.

**4.2.3** The Indigenous Youth Council will facilitate the opportunity for matters and/or information submitted by students or through its Indigenous Youth Councils to be brought forward by the Indigenous Student Trustee during Regular Board meetings each month.

**4.2.4** In a like manner, the Indigenous Student Trustee will facilitate the opportunity for matters and/or information it receives during Regular Board meetings to be communicated to students during Indigenous Youth Council meetings.

**4.2.5** At its first annual meeting, a chair and a recorder shall be selected from members of the Indigenous Youth Council. The Indigenous Student Trustee shall report on the activities of the Indigenous Youth Council to the Board at the Regular Board meetings.

## **5.0 The Student Trustee and Indigenous Youth Council Elections**

4.1 No later than April 30<sup>th</sup> each year, under the direction of the outgoing Student Trustee(s), Senate, and Indigenous Youth Council, there shall be an election of a Student Trustee for the upcoming term of office.

4.2 If the board determines that a vacancy shall be filled, it shall be filled by a by-election.

4.3 Should a Student Trustee be unable to complete the term, the Board will determine whether the vacancy should be filled and the Student Senate and Indigenous Youth Council shall jointly elect a replacement through a by-election.

## **5.0 Student Trustee Attendance at Board Meetings**

### **5.1 Regular Meetings**

It is expected that the Student Trustee(s) will attend Regular Board meetings on the same basis and with the same expectation and regulation as Trustees.

### **5.2 Electronic Attendance**

It shall be possible for the Student Trustee to attend meetings "electronically" provided this attendance is within the requirements as laid out in Board policy.

### **5.3 Requirements**

The Student Trustee(s) shall conform to the Code of Ethics required of board members. The Student Trustee(s) shall act in accordance with the By Laws and Rules of Order of the Board.

### **5.4 Committee(s)**

Any involvement with Board Committees will be at the discretion of the Chair in consultation with the Director and conditional upon the student's interest and availability.

## **6.0 Responsibilities of a Student Trustee**

The Student Trustee will submit one written report on their activities and/or those related to the Student Senate at the Regular Board meetings. At the final Regular Board meeting of the year, the Student Trustee will be expected to provide an annual report.

## **7.0 Mentorship**

7.1 The Chair of the Board shall appoint a Trustee to act as a mentor for each Student Trustee.

7.2 A Trustee of the Board assigned to mentor a Student Trustee shall:

- a) assist the Student Trustee on orientation,
- b) be available to discuss issues, questions or ideas that the Student Trustee may have,
- c) guide, coach and mentor the Student Trustee in his/her activities related to the Student Senate.,
- d) assist the Student Trustee to organize the election of the new student trustee.

7.3 A Student Trustee mentor, staff member or parent/guardian will supervise/chaperone the Student Trustee while performing his/her role at an



9.5 Interaction with School Community

The Student Trustee, in consultation with the principal, shall seek ways to interact on a regular basis with the Student Council, School Council, and Indigenous Youth Council of the Student Trustee's school.