



Policy No. 106

TRUSTEE PARTICIPATION IN OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

POLICY STATEMENT

The board encourages individual trustees to participate in the political, organizational and educational assets of the trusteeship by attending conferences and meetings sponsored by BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA), the North West Branch of the BCSTA, Ministry of Education and Child Care, and other partner organizations.

Attending out-of-district meetings ensures trustees are adequately equipped to make informed decisions for their local school communities:

1. **Policy Updates** – Stay updated on changes to provincial education policies, funding, and legislation.
2. **Advocacy** – Represent their district's interests and voice concerns or priorities to provincial decision-makers.
3. **Networking** – Connect with other trustees, education leaders, and government officials to share best practices.
4. **Professional Development** – Gain insights from expert speakers, workshops, and training sessions.
5. **Budget & Funding Awareness** – Understand provincial funding allocations and how they impact local schools.
6. **Emerging Issues** – Stay ahead of trends and challenges affecting education across BC.
7. **Collaboration** – Work with other districts on shared concerns like mental health, equity, and curriculum changes.

REGULATIONS

All reasonable expenses incurred by a trustee who attends an event on board business will be reimbursed.

1. The board will include in the annual operating budget sufficient funds to meet the anticipated travel requirements of trustees for each fiscal year. Trustee participation at the various activities, available to trustees throughout the year, will be limited by the financial position of the board throughout the year.
2. The board expects trustees who attend activities on behalf of the board will attend all working sessions and meetings to be offered.
3. Trustee expenses (registration, travel, accommodation, per diem costs, etc.) for conferences, seminars and meetings shall be borne by the board in accordance with Policy No. 406 – Reimbursement of Expense.

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