

## **EDUCATION PARTNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **2023-2024 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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#### **I. PURPOSE**

1. The Education Partner Advisory Committee is an advisory group and is chaired by the elected Trustee. In the absence of the elected Trustee the Board Vice-Chair will assume the chair.
2. The purpose of the Education Partner Advisory Committee is to bring together, on an ongoing basis, partner groups, senior staff, and the Board of Education to have informal discussions about how to support the district and provide advice to Board.
3. The Education Partner Advisory Committee will offer a venue for parties to discuss ways to work together in support of students, the school district and public education, building trust and sustaining strong functional relationships, and strengthening communication and information sharing. The discussions will be purposeful, constructive and team building in nature.
4. Education Partner Advisory Committee input will be considered in all matters related to the district but will not replace the accountability of district management and the Board of Education in decision making.
5. An annual schedule of meetings will be developed by the Chair of the committee, in collaboration with the Board Chair. An agenda will be developed for each meeting. To facilitate open discussion, summary minutes shall be recorded, following the minute-taking standards in Policy 124.
6. Labour relations or personnel matters will be addressed through district labour management meetings.