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**Role of the School Council**

**BACKGROUND**

In each school operated by a board or a charter school board, parents and the school community have an opportunity through the school council, as one means, to advise and consult with the principal and to advise the board or the charter board on any matter relating to the school.

*Guide to Education*

“Parents, as partners in the learning community, provide valuable perspectives and support for their children and deserve to have a choice in an educational program which best supports individualized learning.”

*CAPE charter*

The CAPE Charter Board believes the School Council has the potential to serve as an effective mechanism for utilizing parental input in the operation of the school and to enhance communication among the school, the Charter Board and the community.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

1. The CAPE Charter Board supports the advisory role of the School Council.

**DEFINITIONS**

2. **School community** - students enrolled in the school and their parents, children enrolled in an Early Childhood Services program at the school and their parents, the school staff, and other persons who have an interest in the school.

**GUIDELINES**

3. While the School Council will be responsible for establishing its own goals and objectives, subject to Section 55 of the *Education Act*, some or all of the following following may be among its primary goals:
  - 3.1 Act as an advisory body to the school administration on school related-matters;
  - 3.2 Assist the school in achieving its goals;
  - 3.3 Provide a means of communication and a channel for disseminating and interpreting information between the school and community;
  - 3.4 Provide guidance and assistance with school-sponsored activities.

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4. The School Council may, at its discretion:
  - 4.1 Advise the Principal respecting any matters relating to the school;
  - 4.2 Perform any duty or function delegated to it by the CAPE Charter Board
  - 4.3 Consult with the Principal so that the Principal may ensure that students in the school have the opportunity to meet the standards of education set by the Minister;
  - 4.4 Consult with the Principal so that the Principal may ensure that the fiscal management of the school is in accordance with the requirements of the Charter Board, Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer;
  - 4.5 Do anything it is authorized to do under the School Councils Regulation.

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**References:**

*Education Act*

*Guide to Education*

*CAPE charter*

*Alberta School Council Resource Manual*

*School Councils Regulation*

*Personal Information Protection Act*

*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Guidelines and Practices*

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