

# Chapter 1

## Establishment of School Community Councils

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### 1.1 – Legal Provisions

1. School Community Councils exist by virtue of *The Education Act*, 1995, Sec 140.1 through 140.5 and *The Education Regulations* Part V.
2. In addition, School Community Councils work in accordance with Board policy, specifically Board Policy 4.5: School Community Councils, and a number of Administrative Procedures that reference SCC's. See key references at the end of this manual for details.
3. Sections of this manual that are required in provincial legislation (either *The Education Act* or *The Education Regulations*) are noted with (legislation) after the applicable section.

### 1.2 – Ongoing Provisions and Conditions

1. Councils in the School Division will work in accordance with parameters outlined in this manual.
2. Good Spirit School Division will establish a School Community Council ("council") at each school. (legislation)
3. When a council has been established in a school it will replace all other groups that had, up to the point of establishment, served the Board in a school-based advisory capacity.
4. Should more than one school and council be situated in a community and should those councils wish to merge, they must make application to the Board. The merged council shall include the principal and one teacher from each school as permanent members. The Board may then recommend to the Minister that these councils merge. (legislation)
5. Schools may strike committees to support specific activities such as graduation or the band program. However, council acts as the single advisory board at the school level and will serve to coordinate other committees that may operate in support of the school and its programs.