

Appendix C

Legislation

Selected sections, related to School Community Councils, of Bill No. 59, an Act to amend *The Education Act, 1995* and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, as of first reading, April 12, 2006.

- **Sections 135 to 140 repealed**
17 Sections 135 to 140 are repealed
- **New Division re school community councils**
18 The following Division is added before Part IV:

“SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS

- **“Establishment of school community councils**
140.1 (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), every board of education shall establish a school community council for each school in its division.

(2) Two or more school community councils in the same school division may petition the board of education of their school division to recommend to the minister that those school community councils be amalgamated to form one school community council.

(3) If the minister receives a recommendation from a board of education to amalgamate school community councils, the minister may approve the amalgamation if, in the minister’s opinion, it is in the best interests of education in Saskatchewan.

(4) If the minister receives a recommendation from a board of education to separate an amalgamated school community council and establish two or more school community councils, the minister may approve the separation and establishment if, in the minister’s opinion, it is in the best interests of education in Saskatchewan.
- **“Membership of school community council**
140.2 Subject to the regulations and the policies of its board of education, every school community council shall consist of:
 - (a) no fewer than five and no more than nine elected members to represent parents of pupils and community members; and
 - (b) appointed members.

- **“Terms of office**

140.3 (1) Subject to subsection (2), each elected member of a school community council holds office for two years and is eligible for re-election.

(2) In the first election for each school community council, approximately half of the members are to be elected to one-year terms and the other members are to be elected to two-year terms.

(3) If there is a vacancy in an elected member’s position, a board of education may appoint an individual to that position.

- **“Disqualification of members**

140.4 A school community council member shall vacate his or her office as a member of the school community council if the member:

(a) is convicted of an indictable offence;

(b) is absent from three or more consecutive meetings of the school community council without the authorization of the school community council; or

(c) ceases to be eligible for election as a member pursuant to the regulations or the policies of the school community council’s board of education.

- **“Duties and powers**

140.5 Every school community council shall:

(a) facilitate parent and community participation in school planning;

(b) provide advice to its board of education;

(c) provide advice to its school’s staff;

(d) provide advice to other agencies involved in the learning and development of pupils; and

(e) comply with the regulations and the policies of its board of education”.

- **Section 176 amended**

19 Subsection 176(1) is amended:

(a) by adding “or (3)” after “subsection (2)”; and

(b) by striking out “basic”.

- **Section 177 amended**
20 Section 177 is amended by striking out “Subject to the regulations, the” **and substituting** “The”.
- **Section 182 amended**
21(1) Subsection 182(1) is repealed and the following substituted:
“(1) Religious instruction, as authorized by the board of education of a school division with respect to any of the schools in its jurisdiction, may be given in that school division for a period not exceeding two and one-half hours per week”.
(2) Subsection 182(3) is amended by striking out “a board of trustees, or the board of education in the case of a school division that is not divided into districts,” **and substituting** “the board of education”.

Access the French version of these amendments at
<http://www.saskschoolboards.ca/EducationServices/EducationalIssues/SchoolCommunityCouncils/EducationActFrench.pdf>