



SUDBURY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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BOARD REGULATION BR50

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

PURPOSE

To allow for meetings of the Sudbury Catholic District School Board (the Board) to take place electronically and to meet requirements under the Education Act (Section 208.1) and Regulations (O.Reg. 463/97).

APPLICATION/SCOPE

Electronic meetings of the Board are intended to allow for special meetings arising from extenuating circumstances rather than to replace regularly scheduled Board Meetings.

Electronic meetings permit the Trustees and/or Student Representatives to hear and be heard through auditory and/or visual means.

Trustees and Student Representatives who participate in a meeting through electronic means shall be deemed to be present at said meeting subject to such conditions or limitations that may be provided for in the Act and/or Regulation.

PRINCIPLES

Electronic meetings of the Board or recognized committees defined in the approved By-law 98-1 Rules and Regulations (including AD HOC Committees) are recognized as being a legitimate means of the Board conducting its business.

The Sudbury Catholic District School Board recognizes the necessity of providing Trustees and Student Representatives with the ability to participate in all meetings arranged by the Board (i.e. Regular and Special Board Meetings, Ad Hoc Committee Meetings and/or Standing Committees and/or any other Meeting that requires Trustee/Student Representative membership: both In Camera and Open Sessions).

Electronic meetings of the Board are intended to provide for more efficient use of time and productive use of resources in circumstances where time and/or availability of trustees and/or staff make it a better means of conducting a Board or Committee Meetings.

REGULATIONS

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1. The Chairperson of the Board or designate, the Director of Education or designate and one other Trustee shall be physically present at an In Camera session of an electronic meeting of the Board. However, the Student Representative cannot participate in an In Camera session and therefore cannot be the additional necessary Trustee.
2. The Chairperson of the Board or designate, the Director of Education or designate and one other Trustee shall be physically present at all Open sessions of an electronic meeting of the Board.
3. For committee meetings other than Board meetings, the Chairperson of the Committee or designate and the Director of Education or designate shall be physically present at the meeting site.
4. Electronic meetings permit the Trustee and/or Student Representatives to hear and be heard through auditory and/or visual means.
5. Electronic meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with the Board's approved Rules and Regulations or, where not stated, Robert's Rules of Order.
6. Electronic meetings of the Board shall be provided in such a way to ensure compliance with the rules governing Conflict of Interest of trustees.
7. Student Representatives who are participating through electronic means shall not participate in any proceedings that are not open to the public.
8. Electronic meetings shall be conducted from the Catholic Education Centre unless otherwise determined by the meeting schedule.
9. The designated meeting location must be such that the public can attend the open session.
10.
 - a) In the event of unavoidable absence from the Sudbury region, or other special circumstances, a trustee or the student representatives may request electronic participation in regular or special Board meetings where it is not possible for the trustee(s) or student representatives to be physically present.
 - b) A request for electronic participation may be made a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the Board or Statutory Committee meeting.
 - c) The Chairperson or Vice-chairperson of the Board will approve such participation subject to the provisions of the Education Act.
 - d) The Director of Education/designate will be responsible for providing audio-teleconferencing as the electronic means for participation in meetings of the Board, as directed by the Chairperson.

Signature of Chairperson of the Board: _____

Signature of the Secretary of the Board: _____

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