

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CHAIR



Who can be elected Chair?

The Chair must be elected from the Parent Members.

Do we elect a vice Chair (Co-Chair or Deputy Chair)

No.

A school body (Council | Board) doesn't have an official position for a Vice Chair.

What happens if the Chair is unable to attend a meeting?

A Parent Member nominates to Chair a meeting where the elected Chair is unable to attend. The decision is recorded in the minutes as a motion.

Can a parent who is employed at the school be elected Chair?

Yes.

A parent who is employed at the school may be elected as a Parent Member and is eligible to nominate for and be elected Chair, unless they are employed as a teacher.

Any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest must be declared and managed.

Can a Teacher be the Chair?

No.

A Teacher at any government school (including a principal) cannot be elected Chair.

Can a parent who is an Invited Member be elected Chair?

No.

The Chair must be elected from the elected Parent membership.

Is the Chair required to sign official documents?

Yes.

The Chair signs official documents on behalf of the school body (Council | Board), only once approved by motion, at a properly constituted meeting or via an out of session decision making process.

Is the Chair elected each year?

No.

A Parent Member when elected as Chair remains the Chair for the duration of their Parent Member term.