

Communication with the Public
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The Board of Education acknowledges the right of citizens to full, objective, and timely information, and the obligation of the Board to provide such information about its programs and policies.

The affairs of the School District are considered public unless specifically declared confidential.

Matters which are not dealt with in public include personnel reports (staff or student), property and contract negotiations, law enforcement, and situations requiring protection of the legitimate interest of the community.

Guidelines

The Board will:

1. hold regular meetings of the Board in an open manner before assembled public and press;
2. provide agendas of regular meetings to all persons in attendance and to groups and individuals requesting such agendas;
3. publicize the deliberations and decisions of Board meetings by including approved minutes on the School District website: www.sd81.bc.ca ;
4. develop and maintain a regular community relations and information programs which informs the community regarding the activities for the school district and encourages each school in its jurisdiction to do the same; and
5. delegate one Board member to act as liaison to the Parent Advisory Council of each school to promote positive three-way communication between home, school, and Board.

The Administration has the responsibility for preparation of School Board News Releases. All News Releases on behalf of the School Board are to be approved by the Chair before being issued to the media.