

Section 300: Board Governance

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Purpose:

The Board governs the Division in accordance with its articles of incorporation, strategic framework, governance policies and applicable acts, laws, and regulations. The purpose and primary job of the Board is not to manage the school board, but to “govern” it. Governing means directing and controlling – setting the strategic direction of the school board (through the plan and budget), and then being confident that the school board is moving in that direction (by monitoring and evaluating results).

Policy:

The Board of Education of the Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 (the Board) practices a Policy Leadership Governance Model. This means governance policies guide the actions and decisions of the Board in accordance with provincial *Education Act 1995*, *School Division Regulations*, and the bylaws of the organization. The policies in this document augment the Act providing additional direction for the Board and the Director by which to govern the Division.

Following the principles of a Policy Leadership Governance Model, the Board outlines the strategic direction, accountabilities, and processes of the Board in the sections of the governance manual. The governance policies enable the Board to focus their endeavors into one central document titled the PSSD Governance Policy Manual.

The Board always maintains a clear distinction between the governance and operation of the Division, while recognizing the interdependencies between them. The Board may delegate governance work to standing committees of the Board as outlined in the governance policies. Trustees may also sit on ad hoc committees of the Division to provide expertise, leadership, and a mechanism of communication to the Board.

Consistent with the Board’s commitment to good governance practices, the Board will make available to the members and the public:

- A list of the members of the Board Trustees and their contact information.
- Policies governing the Board.
- A report on Division performance as part of the Division annual report.