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Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Membership

1.0 PURPOSE

This policy will lay out the parameters for membership to the UCDSB's Special Education Advisory Committee (referred to as SEAC) in accordance with the *Education Act* and Ontario Regulation 464/97.

2.0 COMPOSITION

SEAC members will include up to 12 provincial association members and up to 3 members at large. Qualifying associations are defined by Regulation 464/97. Members at large may be a member from any group or organization with an interest in advancing the Board's special education programs. Trustee membership will be filled in accordance with Regulation 464/97 and the Board's bylaws.

3.0 REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Director of Education will establish a SEAC Membership Review Committee to solicit and review applicants. The Review Committee will submit a written report detailing its recommendations to the first Board meeting following the Inaugural Board Meeting to establish the membership for the new term. Interim vacancies will be filled through reports to Board as required. Reports shall provide all pertinent details for each recommended applicant.

Recognized associations will be invited to submit individuals for consideration in writing by the Review Committee.

Members at large will be invited to submit their application to the Review Committee. Notice of vacancies will be posted for at least 60 days on the Board's website. In addition to posting online, at least 1 notice will be sent home with students as a stand-alone notice or as part of a regular piece of communication (e.g. newsletter).

When reviewing applicants for association members and applicants for members at large, the Review Committee shall strive to include a diverse representation of exceptionalities and also strive to include members from across the Board.

The limiting factors on membership will take effect on current members December 1st, 2014.