Board Governance Policy Cross Reference: 1, 2, 3, 16, 17

Legal Reference:

Date Adopted: August 1976

Date Amended: February 2014, November 2024

Evergreen School Division's mission statement "Evergreen School Division will engage students in learning to become contributing citizens of a democratic society" indicates how fundamental student contributions are to the culture of the Division.

The Division believes that student voice must inform decision making and should be engaged in democratic process. As such, student voice is encouraged at every level in Evergreen School Division;

- in classrooms and schools regarding:
 - learning activities,
 - atmosphere/culture
 - o co-curricular and extra-curricular activities
- to the Division and Board of Trustees regarding planning, practices and procedures to improve student learning and engagement

To support students in having a voice both within the school and greater community, the Division encourages student organizations where appropriate with the following recommendations:

- that organizations are open to all students who wish to participate in an appropriate manner
- that the working of the group is consistent and in compliance with school/division policies and administrative procedures
- that a written proposal is submitted to school administration and appropriate school staff that includes"
 - o purpose and goals
 - o procedures, including frequency of meetings, group rules/guidelines
 - o space requirements and other required resources (including any expected funding that may be required from the school)
 - o the name of the staff advisor to the group
 - the identification of outside agencies/mentors that may be involved for support or intervention

These guidelines are for school-based organizations only. It is not intended to restrict the participation of students in community-based organizations.