



BOARD POLICY	
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COMMITTEES FOR SUSPENSION APPEALS AND EXPULSION HEARINGS

Trillium Lakelands District School Board believes in and supports the need for policies and procedures that ensure a safe and caring environment in schools, and the need for carrying out these procedures sensitively and as expeditiously as possible.

The Board delegates its powers and duties to hear and determine suspension appeals to a Suspension Appeal Committee and delegates its powers to carry out expulsion proceedings to an Expulsion Hearing Committee.

- A. Membership on Suspension Appeal and Expulsion Hearing Committees shall be established as required. All Trustees are eligible to serve on these committees.
- B. A Suspension Appeal or Expulsion Hearing Committee shall preferably consist of four (4) Trustees, including:
 - 1. The Chair and/or Vice Chair, or delegate of the Board;
 - 2. Up to three (3) additional Trustees as assigned by the Chair or designate;
 - 3. A Trustee must declare a conflict of interest and not be part of a Suspension Appeal or Expulsion Hearing Committee if he or she:
 - a) has had prior involvement with the matter;
 - b) has any other conflict that could bias or be perceived to bias the decision of the Committee.
- C. The Chair of the Committee will be the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board. In the event that this is not possible, a Chair will be appointed by the Chair or designate.
- D. A quorum will be achieved with three (3) Trustees.
- E. The Director of Education, Superintendent Responsible for Safe Schools or Designate and/or legal counsel may assist the Committee with procedural matters.

- F. Whenever possible the Hearing will be held in the region of the Board in which the student attends school, or video conferencing arrangements will be made available.

- G. Hearings will be implemented and operated in accordance with the Rules for Suspension Appeals and Expulsion Hearings and the Guidelines for Suspension Appeals and Expulsion Hearings as outlined in the TLDSB Code of Conduct Procedure OP-6021.