

School Councils

Official Members and Appointed Members

Official Members

The school council's official members are:

- the principal; and
- the president of the P&C association (if one exists).

The P&C president may appoint another P&C member (the "alternative P&C member") to attend school council meetings when the president cannot attend, provided that:

- the president is permitted to appoint an alternative P&C member under the P&C's constitution;
- the alternative P&C member is not an elected member of the school council (s.88 of the Act); and
- the president gives notice to the chairperson(s.94(2)(a)(v) of the Act).

The P&C president must give written notice to the chairperson at least two days before the first meeting after the alternative member's appointment starts. This notice must include:

- the alternative member's name and address; and
- the date on which the alternative member's appointment starts and ends.

Despite start and end dates stated in the notice, the president may attend any meeting in the place of and instead of the alternative member.

If the president revokes the appointment of an alternative member, the president must give the chairperson written notice of the date of the revocation at least two days before the next meeting following revocation.

Appointed Members

School councils may appoint no more than two appointed members.

To be eligible for appointment, the appointed member must:

- have knowledge and experience that would assist the council to perform its functions; and
- reflect the local community context.

The official and elected members present at a school council meeting may decide:

- who is asked to become an appointed member; or
- to seek nominations from persons wishing to become an appointed member, before deciding who is to be asked to become an appointed member.

The general term of office for appointed members is two years, although this can be set at a lesser term by the school council to create uniformity in the end dates of members' terms of office.