



Accessibility Advisory Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Vision

The vision of School District No.22 is to become a community where all are respected, and each person is encouraged to develop their potential. The Accessibility Committee (the Committee) will assist the District by ensuring the spirit of the “nothing about us, without us” (David Warner) is at the heart of its work to improve the experiences of people with disabilities.

Mandate

The Committee shall function alongside the Accessibility Working Group (the Working Group) to identify & make recommendations, reduce, and remove barriers and improve accessibility for people with disabilities. The Committee shall review feedback received through the District and shall be consulted in the Working Group’s development and updating of the District’s Accessibility Plan.

Membership

The Committee will include :

- Indigenous community representative (1)
- Members of the SD22 Accessibility Working Group (4)
- CUPE Representative (2)
- VTA Representative (2) – TBD (in consultation with VTA)
- SD22 student (1)
- Parent/Guardian/Caregiver of a Vernon Schools student (1)
- Director of Instruction – Inclusion
- District Principal of Inclusion

To the extent possible, the members of the Committee should be selected in accordance with the following goals as detailed in Section 9 of the Accessible British Columbia Act:

- (a) At least half of the members are:
 - i. Persons with disabilities, or
 - ii. Individuals who support, or are from organizations that support, persons with disabilities
- (b) The members described in paragraph (a) reflect the diversity of persons with disabilities in British Columbia
- (c) At least one of the members is an Indigenous person
- (d) The Committee reflects the diversity of persons in British Columbia & the population of the local area.

The Director of Instruction – Inclusion shall chair the Committee.

Members are appointed to the Committee by the Chair.

Members are expected to attend the Committee meetings, act with integrity and honesty, be tolerant of other’s opinions, and interact with others in a respectful and inclusive manner. Members are expected to excuse themselves from any Committee discussions or activities which may be viewed as a conflict of interest.



Scope of Work

As detailed in Section 9 of the *Accessible British Columbia Act*, the Committee shall:

- (a) Assist the organization to identify barriers to individuals in or interacting with the organization, and
- (b) Advise the organization through an accessibility plan on how to remove and prevent barriers to individuals in or interacting with the organization.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet 4 times during each school year (September – June).

Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.

Reporting

The Accessibility Committee will make recommendations to the Superintendent.

The Committee Chair or delegate shall be responsible for report writing.

The Committee will provide advice to the Working Group.

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually by the Committee.