

Section 106 (1) of the *Education Act* states that Divisional Education Councils shall select members to be Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The South Slave Divisional Education Council recognizes the importance of honouring the democratic process and maintaining consistency in positive and productive leadership.

REGULATIONS

Election of Officers

- 1) The following steps shall be used to choose the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson:
 - a. In cases where both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson are to be elected, the election of the Chairperson shall be held first;
 - b. The presiding officer shall call for nominations for the position of Chairperson or Vice Chairperson. Each nomination must be moved and seconded;
 - c. If there is more than one nominee for either position, a secret ballot will be held, with the nominee receiving the highest number of votes totalling at least 50% of the votes cast being declared the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson;
 - d. In the event that no member receives at least 50% of votes cast, the name of the member with the fewest votes will be dropped and the members will proceed with a new secret ballot;
 - e. In the event of an equality of votes, the candidates will draw lots, and the successful candidate will be declared Chairperson or Vice Chairperson;
 - f. Two scrutineers, normally senior administrative staff of the SSDEC who are not members of the Council, will distribute, collect, and count the ballots, and report and show the results to the presiding officer.

Term of Office

- 2) Consistent with Section 104 (2) of the Education Act, the elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will remain in the position for the duration of his or her three (3) year term as a member on the Divisional Education Council.
- 3) At the March/April regular Council meeting, a member may introduce a motion to either:
 - a. Confirm the status of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson;
 - b. Request an election for either or both positions.
- 4) If a majority of members supports a new election, the *Election of Officers* procedures outlined above shall be followed.

Reference: *Education Act*, s. 106, 104 (2)
Education Act - Conduct of Business Regulations
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