

Regina Public School Teachers' Association

7.2 - Councillors

Area: Officers

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Resources:

Beliefs:

The Regina Public School Teachers Association has a duty to ensure effective representation in Federation affairs by providing its complement of Councillors to Council. (STF Bylaw 6).

Council provides teachers with a broad perspective of issues across the province and helps to build a collective voice for the Federation. (STF Governance Handbook 4:10).

The RPSTA believes the STF Council is an opportunity for attending members to grow their understanding and participate in the Federation.

RPSTA Councillors are the elected representation, leadership and voice of the RPSTA as it pertains to the STF & STF Council.

Councillors will act on behalf of the collective STF membership, while also providing the RPSTA member perspective in establishing policies, bylaws, direction and Budget of the STF.

Principles:

- Only members in good standing of the STF and of the local association they represent are eligible to be elected as Councillors.
- All Councillor positions should be filled before going to Council. The specific number of Councillors to be elected and brought to Council is found in STF Bylaw 2.

Procedures:

STF-Assigned Duties of a Councillor

- 4.2.1. The duties of Councillors, as assigned by the STF, are as follows (summarised here from STF Bylaw 2);
- 1.1. All elected members of Executive Council and Councillors are expected to participate in STF Fall Council, the Annual Meeting of STF Council, Special Meetings of STF Council and any Emergent meetings of STF Council
 - 1.2. Councillors will elect the Executive Members of the STF in accordance with STF Bylaw 3 (Executive 3.5)
 - 1.3. Councillors will educate themselves on issues and be prepared to discuss and make decisions on behalf of the membership (typically by voting on Resolutions, Policies and Notices of Motions)
 - 1.4. Will act as an agent of the STF in supporting the implementation of its policies and directions
 - 1.5. Shall refer teachers requesting assistance to the appropriate Federation supports

Locally Assigned Duties of a Councillor

- 4.2.2. Locally, Councillors are expected to;
 - 2.1. Participate in locally hosted “Mini-Council”, and meetings of local Councillors
 - 2.2. Participate in Assembly Meetings
 - 2.3. Promote local initiatives and events of the RPSTA
 - 2.4. Participate in RPSTA committees

Elections of Councillors

- 4.2.3. Refer to Election Policy.

Appointment of Replacement Councillors

- 4.2.4. If a Councillor is unable to attend any event listed in 4.2.1., a Replacement Councillor will be found to attend the event in their place.
 - 4.1. The RPSTA Executive is responsible for setting the date and process for a Replacement Councillor application and selection.
 - 4.1.a. The RPSTA will take recently unsuccessful applicants for Councillor into special consideration when seeking a replacement Councillor.
 - 4.2. In the event a Councillor is unable to attend an event with less than one weeks notice the President of the RPSTA may appoint a Replacement Councillor.

Substitute Teacher Councillors

- 4.2.5. The RPSTA reserves one Councillor position for a Substitute Teacher. To be eligible for this seat, a substitute teacher must have declared their membership (in the manner described in STF Bylaw 4) in the RPSTA.
 - 5.1. A Substitute Teacher Councillor may not vote or stand for election as a member of any other local for the duration of their term.
 - 5.2. In the event that no Substitute Teacher applies for the role of Substitute Teacher Councillor, the RPSTA Executive shall appoint an active RPSTA member to the empty Councillor position, as per 4.2.4.

Compensation

- 4.2.6. Refer to policy on Compensation for rate(s) of Councillor compensation