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Accountability: Accepting responsibility for performing one's assigned responsibilities.

Agenda: A point form plan of the order of events of a meeting.

Budget: A council takes responsibility for a budget or financial record. It usually covers a one-year period and includes a description of how funds will be used.

Code of Ethics: A guide to behaviour based upon the acceptable morals, values and principles that set a standard.

Collaboration: Working together toward agreed upon goals within school policies and practices.

Consultation: An exchange of correspondence, a meeting, an exchange of ideas and information, or an opportunity for input before a decision is made. Good practice also includes providing feedback after the decision is made.

Consensus: A widespread agreement in opinion that is reached only when all members involved in the decision-making process are in agreement.

Goal: Selected school improvements and changes and long-range planning consistent with the school's vision and mission statement.

Mission Statement: A clear statement of the school partnership council's purpose and the school's educational purpose with a focus on students.

School Community: The school community includes several constituents, including business, cultural organizations, government services (local, provincial, federal), social agencies, job-training services, recreational services, and health services.

School Partnership Council: In Manitoba, a school partnership council may be an Advisory Council for School Leadership (ACSL), a Parent Advisory Council (PAC), a Home and School Association (HSA), or a School Committee (SC).

Vision: A statement that clearly describes the future that everyone will work toward.