FEDERATION POLICY

2.7 PROFESSIONAL GROWTH NETWORKS

2.7.1 Definition

Professional growth networks are organizations supported by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and established by teachers to inform professional practice in support of students' education.

2.7.2 Beliefs

- 1. Professional growth networks are a forum for teachers' professional growth that provide opportunities for collegiality, collaboration and sharing of research and resources related to a specialized area of practice or interest in education.
- 2. The membership of a professional growth network may include any person with a professional interest in its activities and area of practice or interest.
- 3. Supports must be available for teachers to organize professional growth networks, encourage membership and promote the work of those organizations.
- No professional growth network shall make any representation to the provincial government or any member, branch or agency thereof without the explicit approval of the STF Executive.
- 5. Therefore, teachers individually and collectively:
 - (a) Engage in the unique opportunities provided by professional growth networks through membership and participation in associated structures and processes.
 - (b) Endorse the formal organization and financial support of professional growth networks by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation.
 - (c) Advocate for school divisions and the provincial government to support teachers' membership and participation in professional growth networks.

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