

TRUSTEE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board commits itself and its members to conduct which meets the highest ethical standards. It is expected that all personal interactions and relationships will be characterized by mutual respect, which acknowledges the diversity, dignity and worth of each person.

Specifically

1. Trustees shall carry out their responsibilities as detailed in Policy 3 – Role of a Trustee with diligence.
2. Trustees shall endeavour to work with fellow Board members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion which may arise during debate.
3. Trustees shall consider information received from all sources and base personal decisions upon all available facts in every case; unswayed by partisan bias of any kind, and thereafter, abide by and uphold the final majority decision of the Board.
4. Trustees shall honour their fiduciary responsibility;
 - 4.1 Fiduciary responsibility supersedes any conflicting loyalty such as that to advocacy or interest groups and membership on other Boards or staffs, or acting as an individual consumer of the Division's services.
5. Trustees shall reflect the Board's policies and resolutions when communicating with the public.
6. Trustees shall respect issues of a sensitive or confidential nature.
7. Trustees shall represent the Board responsibly in all Board-related matters with proper decorum and respect for others.
8. Trustees shall disclose the nature of any pecuniary interest, and abstain and absent themselves from discussion or voting on the matter in question.
9. Trustees shall not use their influence to obtain employment or any other preferential treatment within the Division for immediate family members.
 - 9.1 Immediate Family includes spouse or adult interdependent partners, parents and grandparents, children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, mother in law and father in law, brothers in law and sisters in law, daughters in law and sons in law.
10. To assist with ensuring effective meetings, among other things, trustees shall ensure electronic devices and side-bar conversations are not interruptive to the meeting or their participation in the meeting.

11. A Trustee who wishes to be nominated as a candidate for election as an Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta (MLA):

11.1 must take a leave of absence from their position of Trustee during the campaign period and, if elected;

11.2 will be deemed to have resigned that position as a Trustee the day the Trustee takes the official oath of office as an MLA.

12. Consequences for the failure of individual trustees to adhere to the Trustee Code of Conduct are specified in Policy 4 Appendix – Trustee Code of Conduct Sanctions.

Legal Reference: Section 60, 61, 68, 72, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 246 School Act