

**2.3 Code of Conduct**

The Board believes that individual Trustees must adhere to a Trustee Code of Conduct which reflects the Board's recognition and respect of the public's trust in the Board as elected representatives of the community. It is the Board's expectation that each Trustee will adhere to the highest ethical standards in their dealings with fellow Trustees, the school community and all citizens of the District. In carrying out the role of Trustee, the Board expects Members to:

1. Conduct business in accordance with the rules of order, the policies of the District, and the laws, rules and regulations governing education in B.C.
2. Devote time, thought, and study to the duties of a Board member in order to ensure the District is well governed and to provide credible service.
3. Discharge the responsibility of being an advocate for children by always making fair and inclusive decisions that are in the best interests of children.
4. Work with fellow Trustees in a spirit of harmony, respect and co-operation.
5. Represent the Board responsibly in all Board-related matters with proper decorum and respect for others.
6. Consider information received from all sources and base individual decisions upon all available facts while maintaining confidentiality of privileged information.
7. Abide by and uphold District Values, Mission, Vision and decisions of the Board.
8. Remember at all times that individual Trustees have no legal authority outside the meeting of the Board, and therefore relationships with the District staff, the community and all media of communication should be conducted on this basis of fact.
9. Act as a Trustee of this District and work carefully to ensure that it is well maintained, fiscally secure, and operating in the best interests of those we serve.
10. Resist every temptation and outside pressure to use the Trustee position to benefit either oneself or any other individual or agency apart from the total interest of the District.
11. Represent the interests of the citizens of the entire District avoiding any conflicting loyalty a Trustee may have to other interest groups.

12. Declare any conflict of interest as stated in the *School Act*. A Trustee will not participate in, vote on, or exert influence on, any decision in which the Trustee has any interest.
13. Attend to the governance role of the Board avoiding involvement in District operations.
14. Not withhold or conceal information that may have a material impact on the deliberations of the Board or Administration of the District.
15. Keep in confidence any personal or confidential information obtained in his or her capacity as a Trustee and not disclose the information except when required by law or authorized by the Board to do so.

The Board shall establish procedures to provide for the resolution of conflicts among Trustees and to enforce the Code of Conduct and, where necessary, impose sanctions on Trustees who violate the Code of Conduct.

**Legal References:**

**Monitoring Method:** *Internal Reports/Board and Superintendent*

**Monitoring Frequency:** *Annual*

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