

Board Policy 4

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 dignity and affirms the worth of each person.

Specifically

1. Trustees shall carry out their responsibilities as detailed in Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee.
2. Trustees shall endeavor to work with fellow Board members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during debate.
3. Trustees shall commit themselves to dignified, ethical, professional and lawful conduct.
4. Trustees shall reflect the Board’s policies and resolutions when communicating with the public.
5. Trustees shall keep all confidential information obtained in their capacity as a trustee and not disclose the information except when authorized by law or by the Board to do so.
6. While elected from specific wards, trustees must represent the best interests of the entire Division.
7. Trustees shall honour their fiduciary responsibility to the Board, which 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.
8. Trustees shall disclose conflicts of interest.
9. Trustees shall not use their influence to advance personal, family or friends’ interests or the interests of any organization with which the trustee is associated.
10. Consequences for the failure of individual trustees to adhere to the Trustee Code of Conduct are specified in Policy 4 – Appendix A - Trustee Code of Conduct Sanctions.

Reference: Sections 33, 34, 51, 52, 53, 64, 67, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89 Education Act