

ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION POLICY

Trustee Code of Ethical Conduct

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The position of school trustee is one of responsibility and trust, and individuals holding that position must conduct themselves accordingly. A Trustee Code of Ethical Conduct is an agreement between the organization and individual board members that identifies the standards of behavior expected from trustees.

The Board of Trustees of the Rolling River School Division expects individual trustees to adhere to the highest ethical standards in their dealings with the collective board, divisional staff, school communities and the public. Therefore, the Board accepts the following principles:

Trustees will:

1. abide by Board by-laws and policies, the provisions of all federal, provincial and local legislation, including but not limited to human rights statutes, and the *The Public Schools Act*.
2. recognize that the school board's authority rests with the corporate body, not with individual trustees, and therefore will speak or act on behalf of the school board only if they have been authorized to do so.
3. strive to attend all regular and special meetings of the board and those committees on which they serve, and if unable to do so, advise the appropriate individuals of their pending absence.
4. review meeting agendas and other relevant information prior to board and committee meetings, and arrive at such meetings informed and prepared to contribute to the open and honest discussion about matters before the board or committee.
5. work in a spirit of harmony and cooperation encouraging full and open discussions in all matters and not withhold or conceal any information needed to make responsible decisions.
6. listen respectfully and with an open mind to the full range of opinions on each matter before them, make their decisions based on the merits of these opinions and on available information and in the best interest of the welfare of students.
7. treat board colleagues, divisional and school staff, students and community members in a respectful and courteous manner, and refrain from using abusive or denigrating language in any dealings with them.
8. abide by and respect majority decisions of the Board. Trustees will be free to repeat opinions that were given in open Board meetings prior to Board decision.
9. understand that their position may make them privy to confidential information about individuals including students or staff, or financial or other sensitive matters, and will keep any such information confidential and abstain from discussing the confidential business of the Board outside of a Board or committee meeting or after retiring from trusteeship.

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