

POLICY STATEMENT

The work of the Chairperson is, primarily, to ensure the integrity of the Board’s process, and secondarily, occasional representation of the Board to outside parties. The Chairperson is the only Board member authorized to speak for the Board (beyond simply reporting Board decisions), other than in rare and specifically authorized instances.

1. The work of the Chairperson is to ensure that the Board of Trustees’ behaviour is consistent with its own rules and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization.
 - A. Meeting discussion content will only be those issues which, according to Board policy, clearly belong to the Board to decide, not the Director of Education.
 - B. Deliberation will be fair, open and thorough, but also efficient, timely, orderly, and kept to the point.

2. The authority of the Chairperson consists in making decisions that fall within the topics covered by Board policies on Governance Process and Board-Director of Education Relationship, except where the Board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others. The Chairperson is authorized to use any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in these policies.
 - A. The Chairperson is empowered to chair Board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position (e.g. ruling, recognizing).
 - B. The Chairperson has no authority to make decisions about policies created by the Board within the expected outcomes/purposes and *Executive Limitations* parameters policy areas. Therefore, the Chairperson has no authority to supervise or direct the Director of Education.
 - C. The Chairperson may represent the Board to outside parties in announcing Board-stated positions and in stating Chair decisions and interpretations within the area delegated to him or her.

3. It is the responsibility of the Chairperson to monitor and authorize the expenses of the Director of Education and Trustees.

4. It is the responsibility of the Chairperson to facilitate and encourage the professional development of all Trustees on an ongoing basis.

5. Before the end of January in each year, the Chairperson in partnership with the Director of Education, will organize and facilitate a retreat for all Trustees to provide orientation, understanding and an opportunity to debate Board policy and specifically governance.

Monitoring:

Methods: Internal Report

Frequency: August

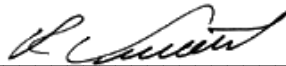
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Signature of Chairperson of the Board:



Signature of the Secretary of the Board:



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