

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

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SECTION	TITLE	NO. 1110
GOVERNANCE/COMMUNICATIONS	<u>Code of Ethics</u>	

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TRUSTEE CODE OF ETHICS

The Board of Education expects its members to demonstrate ethical and businesslike conduct. This commitment includes proper use of authority and respect in group and individual behaviour when acting as Board members.

Board members will:

1. Devote time, thought and study to the duties of a trustee in order to be effective and provide credible service.
2. Consider information received from all sources and base personal decisions upon all available facts while maintaining confidentiality of privileged information.
3. Work with fellow trustees in a spirit of harmony and co-operation in spite of differences of opinion.
4. Recognize that authority over the organization is only vested in the Board when it meets in legal session.
5. Maintain the integrity of the Board and the position of the trustee when communicating and interacting with outside individuals and agencies. This includes full disclosure to participants when attending meetings as an ordinary citizen.
6. Respect the majority decisions of the Board.
7. Be loyal to the interests of public education and the Board.
8. Demonstrate discretion when making public statements so as to minimize the impression that such statements reflect the corporate opinion of the Board when they do not.

9. Maintain the highest standards of civility and respect accorded to public office through the absence of unwarranted criticism of fellow Board members, the Board or employees in or out of the Board room.
10. Deal appropriately with sensitive issues and respect the confidentiality of discussions that take place during in-camera sessions.
11. Represent everyone the District serves, not a particular interest group or geographic area.
12. Declare any pecuniary conflict of interest between their personal life and/or business interests and their position on the Board. A trustee will not participate in, or exert influence on, any decision in which the trustee has any direct or indirect interest. Trustees shall refrain from discussion and voting on any matter in which they are in conflict.