

Code of Conduct

The position of school trustee is one of responsibility and trust, and individuals holding that position must conduct themselves accordingly. Therefore, the school trustees of XYZ School Division:

- will abide by the provisions of all federal, provincial and local legislation, including but not limited to human rights statutes, *The Public Schools Act*, and school division by-laws and policies.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- listen respectfully and with an open mind to the full range of opinions on each matter before them, and make their decisions based on the merits of these varying opinions.
- 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.