



POLICY 9 - BOARD STATEMENT OF INTEGRITY

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In fulfilling its governing role, the Board will emphasize policy, strategy, and corporate decision-making.

- 9.1 The Board will operate in all ways mindful of its trustee obligations to the electorate.
- 9.2 The Board will discipline itself to govern with excellence.
- 9.3 The Board is obligated to continuous self-evaluation.
- 9.4 Board members will be familiar with the Board Policy Manual and Manitoba Public Schools Act.
- 9.5 The Board will adhere to the Conflict of Interest guidelines as articulated in the Administrative Procedures for the School Division.
- 9.6 The Board will adhere to the guidelines of the Code of Ethics for Board Members as articulated in the appendices of the Board Policy Manual.

Trustee 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 District of Whiteshell school trustees:

1. 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.
2. Recognize that the school board's authority rests with the corporate body, not with individual trustees, and therefore will speak or act on the behalf of the school board only if authorized to do so.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.