



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

POLICY 107 Trustee Code of Conduct

*“Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability,
Involve community”*

Section: Governance

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The School District No. 64 Gulf Islands Board of Education (‘the board’) recognises and accepts the trust placed in it, and commits to:

- ✓ providing appropriate and relevant educational programs to all school district learners, consistent with curricular expectations and guidelines established by the provincial Ministry of Education, and in a way that reflects the values of the communities we serve;
- ✓ establishing and sustaining safe, secure and productive learning and working environments;
- ✓ developing a district staff with knowledge, skills and attitudes well-suited to the provision of such programs in such learning environments, as they occur in our school communities;
- ✓ fostering working partnerships with parents and community members, and directly involving them in the development and delivery of educational programs, where appropriate.

Board members will:

1. take the oath of office at the start of a term and adhere to that oath while in office
2. accept and respect the fact that the board exercises power only when meeting in legal session;
3. provide effective and credible service to the educational community;
4. be loyal to the interests of public education and the board by
 - a. maintaining the highest standards of civility and respect accorded to public office;
 - b. representing and serving the interests of the entire district, rather than those of a particular interest group or geographic area;
 - c. working cooperatively and with integrity to make informed educational decisions
5. demonstrate ethical and business-like conduct at all times;
6. avoid unwarranted criticism of fellow board members, the board, or employees, both in or out of the board room.
7. consider information received from all sources, and maintain confidentiality of privileged information;
8. make and support majority decisions whilst valuing and respecting differences of opinion.

9. 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.
10. deal appropriately with sensitive issues and respect the confidentiality of discussions that take place during in-camera sessions.
11. declare any conflict of interest and will not participate in, vote on, or exert influence on any decision in which the trustee has any interest, consistent with section 11 of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) Bylaw No. 2, the Procedural Bylaw and Policy 108
12. liaise between the board as a whole and the school community represented, as per Procedure 120

References:

- *School Act*, s. 175
- School Trustee Oath Of Office Regulation B.C. Reg. 382/93
- School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) Bylaw No. 2, the Procedural Bylaw
- Policy 108 Conflict of Interest: Employees and Trustees
- Procedure 120
- Policy 610 Surplus