

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES CODE OF CONDUCT

Policy B.1.I

The Board of Trustees believes that all elected officials in Frontier School Division should operate within the boundaries of a code of conduct. Consequently, the Board has developed a code of conduct to clarify the expectations of a trustee.

## TRUSTEE CODE OF CONDUCT

Trustees elected in Frontier School Division are responsible for establishing the policies by which the schools are to be administered. A trustee's first and greatest concern is the best interest of each and every one of the Division's students.

## A trustee shall:

- 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;
- provide effective and credible service by devoting time, thought and study to duties of a school board member:
- conduct themselves, at all times, in a manner that is becoming of a person in an office of public trust, always displaying fairness, honesty and integrity, and not use their positions as trustee to garner favour;
- recognize that the Board is the legal authority and that an individual trustee has authority only as a member of that Board;
- abide by and uphold the final, majority decision of the Board;
- maintain strict confidentiality of privileged information;
- recognize that the Board is responsible for establishing the policies by which schools are run and, within these policies, the administration of the programs and the conduct of Division business is the responsibility of the Chief Superintendent and staff;
- work as a team with the administrative staff and support all members of the team;
- treat fellow trustees with respect, honesty, and openness and work with them in harmony and cooperation;
- strive to be informed on local, provincial and national educational issues;
- participate in trustee organizations and activities.

The Board of Trustees expects that school committees and area advisory committees will adopt and follow codes of conduct.

Information: Frontier School Division By-laws, Procedures, and Protocols of the Board of Trustees

The Public Schools Act, Sections 35.1 – 35.5

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