

School Board Member Ethics

As a member of the Evergreen School Division Board of Trustees, I will strive to improve public education, and to that end I will:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled board and respective committee meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
2. Make decisions only after full discussion at committee and board meetings;
3. Render all decisions based on available facts and my independent judgment, and refuse to compromise that judgment to individuals and special interest groups;
4. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Trustees and use the proper channels of communication for the exchange of information with students, staff and community;
5. Work with other Trustees to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the senior administrative staff;
6. Communicate to other Trustees and senior administrative staff expressions of public reaction to board policies and school programs;
7. Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information;
8. Support the employment of those people best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular impartial evaluation of all staff;
9. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using my board position for personal or partisan gain;
10. Take no private action that will compromise the board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged;
11. Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the schools of the Evergreen School Division;
12. Recognize that authority rests with the Board in legal session, and not with individual members of the Board;
13. Refrain from making statements to the media that alienate, prejudice, or jeopardize another board;
14. Associate myself with members of other school boards, both personally and in conferences, for the purpose of discussing school problems and co-operating in the solution of them;
15. Encourage my Board to associate itself with other boards through the Manitoba School Boards Association, to utilize the services of the Association, to give proper considerations to its recommendations, and to promote its growth and objectives.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agree to abide by the Evergreen School Division Board of Trustees Code of Ethics.

Name: _____

Date: _____