



The Northwest Catholic
District School Board
SCHOOLS OF HOPE

GOVERNANCE POLICIES

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Policy Title: Governance

Policy:

Governance is the exercise of authority, direction and accountability to serve the moral purpose of publicly funded education. The Northwest Catholic District School Board will ensure that the Board of Trustees governs in a manner that reflects effective decision making, policy development and strategic planning through ethical leadership.

The processes of Governance will be:

- setting a timetable for systematic review of Board Policies;
- engaging in a cyclical review of the Board Strategic Plan; and
- participation in professional development activities.

Through these practices the Board will demonstrate effective stewardship of resources in the interests of students and the community as a whole.

The Board's governance structure defines the roles, relationships and code of conduct for the Board and the staff.

The governance model promotes high student achievement and transparent accountability for resources (budget) allocations.

The Board will use a self-evaluation tool regularly to assess Board Meeting effectiveness for on-going improvement.

Through the Strategic Planning Process, the Board will set goals it aims to achieve.

The Board will:

- have a clearly stated mission and vision that ensures the Catholic faith perspective is infused in all aspects of school life,
- have priorities that includes high expectations for student achievement,
- approve an annual budget that provides the resources necessary to support and align with the system goals,
- hold the Director accountable for student and system progress by regularly monitoring Board initiatives, policies and procedures,
- develop governance policies,
- communicate achievement to the Ministry of Education and Catholic stakeholders and tie these achievements to the appraisal of the Director of Education.

Cross Reference to Governance Policies / Administrative Procedures		<u>Date Approved</u> March 29, 2008	Legal/Ministry of Education Reference
			Education Act: Role of Trustees
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			The Road Ahead II