

Rationale

The Board of Trustees (Board, BoT) is entrusted to work on behalf of the stakeholders in a strategic role in the governance of the school, ensuring legal and policy compliance requirements are met in a structured and timely fashion.

Purposes

- The focus of all decision making is improving student achievement
- To ensure the Board' policies, planning and decision making procedures and structures are regularly reviewed
- The Board regularly uses the outcomes of these reviews to improve policies, procedures and structures.
- The Board continues to set strategic directions and long term plans and monitors the BoT's progress against them

Guidelines

- The Board is committed to **ethical conduct** in all areas of its responsibility and authority. Trustees are guided by the ENPS Trustee Code of Behaviour
- A review of Board member's **roles and responsibilities** will take place annually. The basis shall be this Policy, Board member and Chairperson's accountability checklist and the Code of Behaviour
- A review of the Board's **meeting processes and procedures** shall take place annually to determine
 - The degree to which they have met their objective
 - How effectively outcomes have been implemented
- The Board will annually decide which **committees/delegations** are required each year and the nature of the membership. This shall be recorded in writing.
- In determining the number of committees/delegations required each year consideration will be given to
 - The Strategic Plan
 - The National Educational priorities
 - Impact on student achievement
- **Consultation** with the community and staff of the school shall occur on Board identified priorities.
- Board decisions and priorities will be regularly **communicated** to the community and staff
- The Board will be informed of curriculum delivery and strategic results through the **Principal's report** at each meeting and presentations by departments/staff/learning areas throughout the year
- School **Policies** will be reviewed to ensure their relevance and compliance with statute
- **Results from reviews** and consultations will be used to identify possible changes to improve policies, processes and structures.