

TRUSTEE GOVERNANCE AND POLICY STATEMENTS

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Part A – Introduction

This manual is a guide to the function of the Board of Trustees in their governance of the Near North District School Board (herein referred to as NNDSB). Within are the duties and limitations of the NNDSB's role in the provision of educational opportunities for the students enrolled in its educational system.

The NNDSB is a creation of the government of Ontario (Appendix A1 – map, zones). The election of Trustees to the Board are outlined by various government regulation. Canadian citizens who reside, rent or own property in the geographic area can run for election to the Board provided they have the necessary qualifications (App. A2).

Part B – The Role of the Trustee

The Trustees of the NNDSB are elected according to the provincial regulations laid down in the Municipal Act (App. A2). Refer to Appendix B1 for the roles of the Trustees and Appendix B2 for their responsibilities. Trustees are responsible for the implementation of directives of the Ministry of Education (herein referred to as Ministry) (App B2). Board policies must follow the laws of Canada, and Ontario and their agencies.

The main responsibility of the Trustee is to provide clear direction through Board policies to the Director of Education. The Board must also communicate to the taxpayers, parents, staff and students on education issues before the Board. The Trustees are responsible for the rules governing their interactions with each other such as in meetings (App. B3), bylaws (App. B4), and individual Trustee behaviour expectations (App B3). Trustees will define the election and role of the Chair (App. B5) and Vice-Chair of the Board (App. B6).

Part C – The Role of the Director

The Director of Education is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NNDSB. The Director is the only employee of the Board of Trustees. Refer to Appendix C1 for the Role of the Director of Education. The Board relies on the Director to carry out the implementation of MOE policies. The Director must provide statistical evidence of successful implementation of all policies. The Board must evaluate the Director on a periodic basis (C2). The Director informs the Board of the ongoing status of Board policies and keeps the Board updated on all legal matters.

The Director will implement the Board's Multi-Year Plan (C3). This is the primary vehicle of the governance guideline of Board policies. The Director is solely responsible for successful implementation of the Multi-Year Plan.

Part D – Director Evaluation

The Board must give a detailed evaluation of the Director on an annual basis (D1).

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