

Waterview Primary School Board of Trustees Code of Conduct Policy

Rationale:

The Waterview School Board of Trustees is committed to ethical conduct in all areas of its responsibilities and authority and agrees to adhere to this code of conduct.

Trustees shall:

1. Fulfil the obligations and legal requirements of the Board
2. Maintain and understand the values and goals of the school and provide governance that supports the Charter
3. Be loyal to the organisation and its mission
4. Publicly represent the school in a positive manner
5. Ensure the needs of all students and their achievement is paramount.
6. Act as good employers.
7. Respect the integrity of the principal and staff, parents and students
8. Observe the confidentiality of non-public information acquired in their roles as trustees and not disclose to any other persons such information that might be harmful to the school
9. Be diligent and attend board meetings prepared for full and appropriate participation in decision making
10. Ensure that individual trustees do not act independently of the board's decisions
11. Speak with one voice through its adopted policies and ensure that any disagreements with the board's stance are resolved within the board
12. Avoid any conflicts of interest with respect to their fiduciary responsibility
13. Recognise that no individual trustee or group of the board has any authority in any interactions with the principal or staff
14. Continually self-monitor their individual performance as trustees against policies and against any other current board evaluation tools
15. Recognise that only the chairperson can speak for the board
16. Accept that the principal is the professional leader of the school who is responsible to the Board
17. Any dispute regarding Trustees conduct contrary to this code is raised in the first instance with the Chair or Principal in the first instance and referred onto NZSTA for further assistance by the Chair or Principal if required
18. Be available to undertake appropriate training

Board of Trustees: Meyi Wok Date: Aug 2017
Principal: Robert Date: August 2017
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