

In order to build efficient and effective relationships, Board members shall establish a system of communication that builds on mutual expectation and trust.

Accordingly, we will:

1. Exercise honesty in all communication.
2. Demonstrate respect for each other's opinions.
3. Focus on issues, not personalities.
4. Assume and practice trust.
5. Maintain focus on shared goals.
6. Communicate in a timely manner to avoid surprises.
7. Openly support majority decisions of the board.
8. Withhold judgment on issues until fully informed.
9. Seek first to understand rather than be understood.
10. Express concerns privately, praise publicly.
11. Use executive sessions appropriately and judiciously.
12. Maintain confidentiality.
13. Follow the chain of command.
14. Openly share personal concerns, issues and agendas.
15. Assume a non-defensive posture, taking the initiative to communicate and ask questions for clarification.
16. Share information and knowledge.
17. Give direction as the whole, not as individuals.
18. Make every reasonable effort to protect the integrity and promote the positive image of the school and one another.

We will not:

1. Embarrass each other or the school.
2. Intentionally mislead or misinform each other or maintain hidden agendas.