

BOARD POLICY



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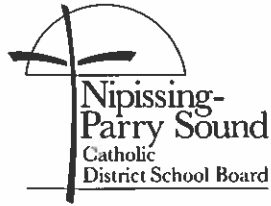
SUBJECT: OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

POLICY STATEMENT

The Board of Trustees is committed to acting on behalf of the owners as a whole, rather than being advocates for specific geographic areas or interest groups and therefore seeks to establish communication links with the English Catholic community as “owners” of the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board.

1. As representatives of the owners, trustees are obligated to identify and know what the owners want and need.
2. When making governance decisions, board members shall maintain a distinction between their personal interests as customers of the organization’s services, and their obligation to speak for others as a representative of the owners as a whole.
3. The Board shall gather data in a way that reflects the diversity of the ownership. It shall meet with, gather input from, and otherwise interact with owners in order to understand the diversity of their values and perspectives.
4. The Board will ensure a timely response to concerns expressed by the ownership (a) as it pertains to operational matters, through the Director of Education, and (b) as it pertains to governance policy issues, directly from the Board.
5. The board will establish and maintain a three-year ownership linkage plan, in order to ensure that the board has intentional and constructive dialogue and deliberation with the owners, primarily around the organization’s Ends. The plan will include selection of representative owners for dialogue, methods to be used, and questions to be asked of the owners. The information obtained from this dialogue with owners will be used to inform the board’s policy deliberations.
 - 5.1. All board members are accountable to the board for participating in the linkage with owners as identified in the plan.
6. The board will consider its ownership linkage successful if, to a continually increasing degree:
 - When developing or revising Ends, the board has access to diverse viewpoints that are representative of the ownership regarding what benefits this organization should provide, for whom, and the relative priority of those benefits.
 - The owners are aware that the board is interested in their perspective.

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- If asked, the owners would say that they have had opportunity to let the board know their views.
- The owners are aware of how the board has used the information they provided.

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