



Governance
CODE OF ETHICS FOR
BOARD AND SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rationale

The governing bodies of CISPG are Church ministries within the diocesan and parish communities. The effectiveness of our Catholic schools is strengthened by clergy and the lay people who work together with faith and commitment for the education of our young people, as described in the philosophy of Catholic Education promulgated by the Catholic Bishops of British Columbia.

Policy

It is essential for those who serve on the Board and School Councils to understand the expectations of the office and conduct themselves in a way that will foster Christian community and uphold the policies and directives of the Catholic Independent Schools Society of Prince George and local school council. The following standard of conduct applies to members of these bodies, who will sign the:

Statement of Commitment

As a member of the Board or Catholic School Council, I will:

1. acknowledge that Catholic schools are a significant expression of the teaching mission of the Catholic Church and function within its structure;
2. provide witness to the Catholic community by active participation in the life of a parish, and by a lifestyle that reflects the teaching of the Church;
3. ensure that education according to the regulations of the provincial Ministry of Education, the catechetical programs approved by the diocese and the policies of the CISPG is provided;
4. recognize that I do not represent the council officially, unless explicitly authorized to do so;
5. be prepared for each meeting;
6. attend meetings of the council and participate in discussions and decisions to the best of my ability;
7. support council decisions even when personally differing from them;
8. maintain the confidentiality of the Council matters dealt with *in camera*.
9. recognize and support the administrative leadership of the schools (the Principal and Superintendent) and avoid interfering in administrative details;
10. disqualify myself from all discussion and voting on any issue where there may be a conflict involving personal or business interests. This will be recorded in the minutes.

References:	Date: August 2023
	Revisions: