

CONNECT CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY

Policy Title: **Role of the Board Member**

Policy No. **1.05**

RATIONALE: The authority of the Board Member is derived from The Societies Act of Alberta and the bylaws of the Connect Charter School Society.

POLICY: The role of a Board Member is to make decisions that are in the best interests of the Society and School, contribute to the Board as it governs and strives to fulfill its responsibilities and to meet the goals of the Connect Charter School Charter Document.

PRINCIPLES:

Each Board Member, as a partner in education, has the responsibility to:

1. Recognize that the Connect Charter School Society serves as a corporate body and that the decisions of the Board in a properly constituted meeting are those of the corporate body;
2. Attempt to develop an understanding of both the present and the future educational needs of the school community;
3. Become familiar with Connect Charter School policies and procedures, meeting agendas and background information and reports in order to participate meaningfully in Board business;
4. Be familiar with information outlined in the Connect Charter School Board Member Orientation document;
5. Be present and participate in meetings of the Board and committees of the Board, including contributing to the decision-making process such that decisions made are in the best interests of the society, the school and the students served by the school;
6. Support the decisions of the Board and refrain from making any statements to the contrary;
7. Understand that the basic function of the Board is policy making rather than administrative and accept the responsibility of learning to discriminate between these two functions;
8. Refer administrative matters and issues related to school operations and personnel to the Superintendent and/or Principal as appropriate;
9. Participate in seminars, conferences or workshops to enhance the quality of leadership provided and share materials and ideas gained with fellow Board members at a Board meeting following any professional development activity;

10. Serve as Director of Connect Charter School Society in a dual capacity in fulfilling responsibilities as a Director pursuant to Alberta statutes and associated regulation and Society bylaws;
11. Support the charter school movement in Alberta, and
12. Recognize responsibility for seeking the improvement of education not only in Connect Charter School, but throughout the province of Alberta, and, accordingly, engage parents and the community in matters related to education.

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PROCEDURES:

1. No Director shall receive remuneration for serving as a Director.
2. A Director may request reimbursement for any expenses incurred in the course of performing their duties as Director.
3. No director shall, directly or indirectly, contract with the Society if the Director has a pecuniary interest in the contract, other than in those specific circumstances permitted in accordance with Article 11.01 of the bylaws of Connect Charter School Society. When a Director has a pecuniary interest in a matter before the Board, or any committee of the Board, the Director shall follow rules of disclosure and abstain from voting in accordance with Section 83 of the School Act.