



BOARD POLICY #12 – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Board of Trustees recognizes that communication within the School Division is a multi-faceted process involving all staff, students, parents and community members. The Board believes that such communication promotes a culture of openness that supports an environment of trust, safety, and respect; student learning and well-being; and the Board's mission, vision and values.

The Board will develop and implement strategies to enhance the Board's communication and engagement with communities, ratepayers and the citizens of Mountain View School Division. These strategies include:

1. Formal connections with the community, with government, and with other relevant agencies and organizations in order to support the achievement of Board goals for the Division. The Board will share information, proactively identify issues of importance, work collaboratively and build relationships.
2. The Board believes that all reasonable efforts should be made to identify the desires of the community and to be responsive, through its actions, to those desires. There are two major ways in which the will of the community shall influence the development of Board policies and strategic plan:
 - a. The people of the Division are responsible for electing Board members to represent their ward
 - b. All citizens of the Division will be encouraged to express ideas, concerns, and opinions about the schools through such means as:
 - i. written suggestions or proposals;
 - ii. presentations at hearings or at Board meetings;
 - iii. responses to surveys made regarding education;
 - iv. attendance at open meetings of the Board; and
 - v. active involvement with the school's Parent Council.
3. Keeping the public informed of the Board's and division successes, challenges, deliberations, policies, and actions by encouraging the attendance of media at all meetings with the exception of in-camera meetings.
4. Designating a Board spokesperson who will endeavour to be current on all matters of Board governance and policy. In most cases, this will be the Board Chair or the Chair's designate.
5. The Superintendent/CEO or his/her designate will act as the primary spokesperson for operational or administrative matters.

Cross Reference:			
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