

The DC Board of Trustees: What you should know

Society members vote annually to approve new Board member candidates as well as current Board members seeking to serve a second three-year term. Each candidate must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the Annual Society Meeting.

Below are answers to several frequently asked questions about the DC Board which may be helpful as you review the biographies and testimonies of this year's candidates. We've also provided materials on the role of a board from the National Association of Independent Schools.

What is the Board's role?

The Board is principally the keeper of the school's mission and has been entrusted with the responsibilities of ensuring that it's properly fulfilled. It accomplishes this by overseeing the school's operations and by helping to develop and implement a long-term strategic plan for the school.

In overseeing the school's operations, the Board is tasked with ensuring DC achieves its mission to educate students who will serve God and impact the world through Biblical thought and action and that the school does so in a way that reflects our core values.

The Board guides and supports the Head of School through a carefully established set of policies that describe the results to be achieved and actions to be taken by the school's administration.

The Board also plays a prominent role in overseeing the financial planning, budgeting, and fundraising efforts of the school.

What the Board doesn't do?

The Board doesn't manage the day-to-day operations of the school. It doesn't hire faculty and staff, discipline students, or select curriculum.

Instead, just as the Board is entrusted with keeping the mission, the Board entrusts the day-to-day execution of the mission to the Head of School, who is responsible for operating the school within the guidelines set by the Board.

What we're looking for in Board members?

The current DC Board includes elementary, middle, and high school parents as well as parents of alumni.

The Board seeks to maintain a diverse mix of gender, age, ethnic, and evangelical backgrounds similar to that of our students and alumni, while ensuring its members bring needed skills, expertise, and perspectives to help the school achieve its vision and strategic direction.

Most importantly, the Board must have members who have a strong and mature faith in Christ, believe deeply in the school's mission, and have a passion for Christian education.

Why vote?

By voting, you are helping to select the members of the DC Board of Trustees who guide the future of our school. DC is one of the few Christian schools that offer society members the opportunity to vote for Board members. So, please make sure to participate and vote.