The Board's Fiduciary Duties

Fiduciary relationships often concern money, but the word *fiduciary* does not, in and of itself, suggest financial matters. Rather, *fiduciary* applies to any situation in which one person justifiably places confidence and trust in someone else and seeks that person's help or advice in some matter. The attorney-client relationship is a fiduciary one, for example, because the client trusts the attorney to act in the best interest of the client at all times. The word is faithful to its origin: Latin *fidere,* which means "to trust."

Merriam Webster Dictionary

Category

1. **Communications** - ensure effective communication systems are in place throughout the school community
2. **Community Relations** - promote positive and productive relationships throughout the school community.
3. **Crisis Response** - be fully prepared to respond collaboratively with the Director to crisis.
4. **Data Security** - ensure adequate procedures for protecting and securing data are in place.
5. **Educational Program, Curriculum, and Instruction** - hold the Director accountable for executing an educational program that fulfills the school's mission, achieves the vision, and aligns with strategic objectives.
6. **Emergency Preparedness** - ensure the school is fully prepared with plans and resources to address emergency situations.
7. **Ethical Conduct** - practice, model, and demand adherence to the highest standard of ethical conduct, including, especially at the board level, maintaining confidentiality and avoiding conflict of interests.
8. **External Relations** (governmental bodies; accreditation; other agencies) - maintain strong relationships with the greater community, local government offices, accreditation agencies, and other entities in support of the school.
9. **Facilities** - plan for and support facilities maintenance and development to meet the needs of the school
10. **Finance** - plan for and oversee the sustaining of the fiscal health of the school.
11. **Fundraising** - set the strategic goal and guide fundraising efforts as appropriate to augment the fiscal health of the school.
12. **Health and Safety** - ensure measures are in place guaranteeing the health and safety of students and school personnel.
13. **Legal Compliance** - abide by all legal requirements in the governance and operation of the school.
14. **Marketing** - approve and oversee marketing plans to ensure the school thrives in a volatile market
15. **Monitoring** - appraise mission fulfillment, vision achievement, Strategic Plan implementation, student learning, and the school's capacity to sustain itself ..., and make adjustments as warranted.
16. **Personnel** - ensure sound policies regarding the hiring, firing, supervision, development, and recordkeeping of employees are established and implemented.
17. **Policy Development & Compliance** - maintain a functional Policy Manual describing the board's broad expectations for the results the school will achieve and ensure those policies are implemented.
18. **Reputation of the School** - guide the public's perception of the quality of the school.
19. **Risk Management** - establish risk management policies and ensure mitigation plans are adequate.
20. **School Services** - set policies for services such as food service and transportation.
21. **Safety & Security** - ensure adequate procedures are in place to provide for the safety and security of the campus.

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