Friends School of Wilmington

LIFELONG LEARNERS, LEADERS, FRIENDS

Principals of Good Practice for Friends School Boards and Trustees.

Friends Council on Education - 2005

Board

Mission

- The Board articulates and champions the school's mission, vision, and strategic goals
- The Board is committed to the Quaker identity and character of the school

Fiduciary Responsibility

- The Board welcomes its stewardship of the financial stability and future of the school, including strategic financial planning, the establishment and preservation of endowments, the raising of money and oversight of operating budgets

Planning

- The Board accepts that its primary work and focus is long-range and strategic, not the management of day-to-day operations.

Board Organization and Development

- The Board concerns itself with its own development and well functioning
- The Board writes, reviews, and maintains the governing documents of the school and keeps accurate records of its meetings.

Relationship with the Head

- The Board selects, nurtures, supports, and evaluates the head. It contracts with the head and sets the head's compensation.

Community Relations

- The Board ensures that the school and the board operate in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- The Board engages proactively with the head of school in cultivating and maintaining good relations with the wider community.