
**FORT MCMURRAY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF GOVERNANCE POLICY**

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The “owners” of the Fort McMurray Catholic School District are defined as the Fort McMurray Catholic community. The Board shall be accountable for the organization to its owners as a whole. The Board shall act on behalf of the owners as a whole, rather than being advocates for specific geographic areas or interest groups.

1. When making governance decisions, Board Members shall maintain a distinction between their personal interests as “customers” of the organization’s services, and their obligation to speak for others as a representative of the “owners” as a whole. As representatives of the owners, Board Members are obligated to identify and know what the owners want and need.
2. The Board shall gather data in a way that reflects the diversity of the ownership. It shall meet with, gather input from, and otherwise interact with the broad base of communities, and acknowledge diversity. It shall recognize that diversity assures a broad base of wisdom, and shall seek to make decisions considering that input.
3. Collection of input from the ownership may be accomplished through a variety of methods, including, but not limited to,
 - 3.1 Presentations by delegations at Board meetings.
 - 3.1.1. Requests to make presentations shall be submitted in writing seven days prior to the meeting, and shall include a brief description of the issue and the group’s spokesperson.
 - 3.1.2. Those making presentations should provide a written brief in advance.
 - 3.1.3. Delegations shall be limited to 6 representatives, and presentations should not exceed 15 minutes.
 - 3.1.4. The Board will not normally make a decision on Ends-related matters at the same meeting that the delegation is presented.
 - 3.2. Scheduled meetings with the Council of School Councils.
 - 3.3 Deliberate collection of input from key Catholic community advisors and Catholic community members through surveys, interviews, focus groups or public meetings.
4. The Board’s dealings with the media shall be directed through the Board Chair or the Superintendent.