FORT MCMURRAY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF GOVERNANCE POLICY

Policy Name:	**Chair's Role**	**Number:**	**GP-4**
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The Chair assures the integrity of the Board's process, and, secondarily, represents the Board to outside parties. The Chair is the only Board member authorized to speak for the Board (beyond simply reporting Board decisions), other than in specifically authorized instances.

1. The job result of the Chair is that the Board behaves consistently with its own rules and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the organization.

   1.1 Meeting discussion content will include only those issues, which, according to Board policy, clearly belong to the Board, not the Superintendent, to decide.

   1.2 Deliberation will be timely, fair, orderly and thorough, but also efficient and kept to the point.

   1.3 Board meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, and in compliance with the School Act.

2. The Authority of the Chair consists in making decisions that fall within the topics covered by Board policies on Governance Process and Board-Superintendent Relationship, except where the Board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others. The Chair is authorized to use any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in these policies.

   2.1 The Chair is empowered to chair Board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position (e.g. ruling, recognizing).

   2.2 The Chair has no authority to make decisions about policies created by the Board within Ends and Executive Limitations policy areas. Therefore, the Chair has no authority to supervise or direct the Superintendent.

   2.3 The Chair may represent the Board to outside parties in announcing Board- stated positions and in stating Chair decisions and interpretations within the area delegated to the Chair (consistent with policies in Governance Process and Board - Superintendent Relationship area).

3. The Chair may delegate this authority, but remains accountable for its use.

4. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall act on behalf of the Chair.