

## **BOWMORE SCHOOL COUNCIL**

### **CODE OF ETHICS BYLAW**

- 1) Bowmore School Council (“BSC”) members will conduct themselves in accordance with the following code of ethics:
  - a) A member shall consider the best interests of all students;
  - b) A member shall be guided by the school’s and the school board’s mission statements;
  - c) A member shall act within the limits of the roles and responsibilities of a school council, as identified by the school’s operating guidelines, the school board, and the Ontario Ministry of Education;
  - d) A member shall become familiar with the school’s policies and operating practices and act in accordance with them;
  - e) A member shall maintain the highest standards of integrity;
  - f) A member shall recognize and respect the personal integrity of each member of the school community;
  - g) A member shall treat all other members with respect and allow for diverse opinions to be shared without interruption;
  - h) A member shall encourage a positive environment in which individual contributions are encouraged and valued;
  - i) A member shall acknowledge democratic principles and accept the consensus of the BSC;
  - j) A member shall respect the confidential nature of some school business and respect limitations this may place on the operation of the BSC;
  - k) A member shall not disclose confidential information;
  - l) A member shall use established communication channels when questions or concerns arise;
  - m) A member shall promote high standards of ethical practice within the school community;
  - n) A member shall declare any conflict of interest in accordance with the Conflict of Interest Bylaw;
  - o) A member shall not accept any payment or benefit financially through BSC involvement; and
  - p) When voting, a member shall remember that they are representing the school population and not individual wants and desires.

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