



Pukekohe North School

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Responsibilities of the Principal Policy:

Rationale:

The principal is the professional leader of the school and the board's chief executive working in partnership with the Board of Trustees. The principal shall not cause or allow any practice, activity or decision that is unethical, unlawful, and imprudent or which violates the board's operation or expressed values or commonly held professional ethic.

Alongside their professional role, the principal's key contribution to day-to-day management of the school. The Board delegates all authority and accountability for the day-to-day operational organisation of the school to the principal who must ensure compliance with both the board's policy framework and the law of New Zealand.

Purposes:

The principal is responsible for overseeing the implementation of Board policy including the Strategic Plan.

The Board of Trustees of Pukekohe North School is focused on the ongoing improvement of student progress and achievement within an environment that provides inclusive education. This is the prime responsibility of the Principal, Leadership Team and Teachers.

Reference in documentation to the school, management and staff is to be read as "principal" for responsibility for implementation. From time to time the chair of the board acting within delegated authority may issue discretions in policies of the school, in minutes of the board, or by written delegation.

Guidelines:

1. Meet the requirements of the Principal's current Job Description.
2. Meet the requirements of their employment agreement including the 4 areas of practice from the Principals' Professional Standards. = Representation, Leadership, Accountability, Employer Role
3. Act as the educational leader and day to day manager of the school within the law and in line with all Board policies
4. Participate in the development and implementation of their Annual Performance Agreement, and participate in their annual review process
5. Develop, seek Board approval of, and implement an Annual Plan that is aligned with the Board's Strategic Plan, meets legislative requirements and gives priority to improved student progress and achievement.
6. Use resources efficiently and effectively and preserve assets (financial and property).
7. Place good employer policies into effect and ensure there are effective procedures/guidelines in place.
8. Allocate pay units for appropriate positions.

9. Ensure effective and robust performance management systems are in place for all staff which include performance management reviews, attestations for salary increases and staff professional development
10. Employ, deploy and terminate relieving and non-teaching staff positions.
11. Employ teaching staff as per the Appointments Policy.
12. Communicate with the community on operational matters where appropriate.
13. Refrain from unauthorised public statements about the official position of the board on controversial social, political, and/or educational issues
14. Keep the board informed of information important to its role.
15. Report to the Board as per the Boards reporting policy requirements.
16. Act as Protected Disclosures Officer and ensure procedures are in place to meet the requirements of the Protected Disclosures Act 2000
17. Act as the Privacy Officer and EEO Officer.

Conclusion:

Only decisions made by the Board acting as a Board are binding on the principal unless specific delegations are in place. Decisions or instructions by individual Board members, committee chairs, or committees are not binding on the principal except in rare circumstances when the board has specifically authorised it.

The relationship is one of trust and support with expectations documented in the relationship policy. All parties work to ensure “no-surprises”.

The principal is not restricted from using the expert knowledge of individual Board members acting as community experts.

Approved by the Pukekohe North School Board of Trustees at their meeting of:

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