

### Statement of Commitment and Understanding for Education Committee Members

*“The effectiveness of our Catholic schools is strengthened by clergy and lay people working together with faith and commitment for the education of our young people. It is very important, therefore, that those who accept the call to serve on an Education Committee understand the expectations of office and conduct themselves in a way that will foster collaboration and Christian community and put into practice the philosophy of Catholic education as promulgated by the Roman Catholic Bishops of British Columbia”*

- CISVA Policy 110  
on the Responsibilities of Education Committees

- I understand that Catholic schools function within the structure of the Roman Catholic Church and are an expression of its mission
- I understand that this particular Catholic school functions within the structure of the Catholic Independent School Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA)
- I understand that the role of the Education Committee is to implement policies and decisions of the CISVA Board of Directors
- I have read and understand the role and responsibilities of the Education Committee and my specific role on the Committee
- I commit to becoming more knowledgeable of CISVA Policies and endeavour to become more knowledgeable about Catholic education, its mission, and educational and religious goals
- I will promote Catholic education, its values and benefits to the community
- I will attend regular, extraordinary and sub-committee meetings and participate in discussion and decisions to the best of my ability
- I will be fully and thoroughly prepared for each meeting by completing the required committee work or reports
- I will share and utilize my knowledge and experience for the betterment of the Committee's work and the school as a whole
- I will be loyal and supportive of Committee decisions
- I will be open to stand for election to the executive of the committee and act as a member of any sub-committee as elected and/or assigned

## Governance

### Education Committee Responsibilities

#### Policy 110 – Annex A, Statement of Commitment

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- I recognize that I do not officially represent the Education Committee unless explicitly authorized to do so.
- I will ensure confidentiality of all matters dealt with 'in confidence'
- I will disqualify myself from discussion and voting on issues where there is a conflict of interest
- I will comport myself with the utmost courtesy and professionalism respecting the opinions and perspectives of my fellow committee members and not take any steps which undermine the principle of collegiality and confidentiality
- I will support and recognize the Principal as chief administrator in the school
- I will work in harmony with the Pastor and Parish organizations.
- I will pray for other members of the Committee, Catholic schools and the communities they serve.
- I have read and understand that I may be removed from office as stated in Policy 110 Section 7, Clauses 7.1 to 7.6.

#### **Declaration**

I have read the above expectation and agree to abide by them if I am elected and serve on my Parish/ Regional Education Committee.

Education Committee Member Name (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Note to Chairperson**

Please keep these signed documents as part of your Committee's record each year.