

15.1 Public Attending Board Meeting Procedure

The Board welcomes public presence at Board meetings and hopes that members of the public enjoy their time observing Board meetings

In order that members of the public understand the rules that apply to them attending Board meetings, these procedures will be provided and followed unless otherwise authorized by the Board.

1. Board meetings are not public meetings, but meetings held in public
2. If the meeting moves to exclude the public (usually this is to protect the privacy of individuals), then you will be asked to leave the meeting until this aspect of business has been concluded.
3. Members of the public may request speaking rights on a particular subject that is on the agenda. Preferably this request has been made in advance. Public participation is at the discretion of the Board.
4. Speakers shall be restricted to a maximum of **three** minutes each per subject, with a time limit of **fifteen** minutes per interest group.
5. No more than **two** speakers on any one topic
6. Speakers are not to question the Board and must speak to the topic
7. Speakers shall not be disrespectful, offensive or make malicious statement or claims
8. If the Presiding Member believes that any of these have occurred or the speaker has gone over time, they will be asked to finish

Please note: Members of the public include staff, students and parents and caregivers of the school who are not members of the Board.

Review Schedule: Triennially

Last Reviewed: September 2021

Next Review: September 2024

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