

Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School

COMMUNITY RELATIONS 4000

Goals

The Board, through the leadership of the Principal and the assistance of the total staff, will seek to enhance the school's community relations by striving to achieve the following goals:

1. to encourage and enhance communications, understanding, trust and mutual support between the Charter School and the people it serves;
2. to increase both the quality and quantity of public participation in school affairs, activities and programs;
3. to strengthen and improve relations and interactions among staff, trustees, citizens, parents and students;
4. to promote understanding and cooperation between the schools and community groups.

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Public Participation in Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees encourages all stakeholders of the Charter School to express their ideas and concerns. The comments of the community will be given careful consideration. In the evaluation of such comments, first priority will be students and their educational program.

NOTICE

DUE TO THEIR SENSITIVE NATURE, COMMENTS OR COMPLAINTS ABOUT PERSONNEL OR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS WILL ONLY BE HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. Idaho Code § 67-2345.

“A PERSON WHO DISRUPTS THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS OR WHOSE PRESENCE IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE MORALS, HEALTH, SAFETY, ACADEMIC LEARNING OR DISCIPLINE OF THE PUPILS OR WHO LOITERS IN SCHOOLHOUSES OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.” Idaho Code § 33-512 (11).

Any complaint about the Charter School, including instruction, discipline, school personnel policy, procedure or curriculum, should be referred through proper administrative channels before it is presented to the board for consideration and action. All complaints should be resolved through proper channels in the following order:

1. Teacher or Staff
2. Supervisor (Where applicable)
3. School Administrator
4. Board of Trustees

Please also see Charter School Policy No. 4110 regarding public complaints.

At each Regular and Special meeting of the Board the agenda will provide time for public comment before the Board. Persons wishing to address the Board will be required to submit a “REQUEST TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD” form. Forms are available from the Board Secretary and will be available at each meeting.

Total time allotted for public comment will not exceed one (1) hour. Public participation will be limited to the time allotted on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to five (3) minutes. All speakers will be allowed to speak at least once before a speaker is allowed to address the board a second time. Public comment will be taken from the public on matters scheduled on the agenda. Should a large number of the public wish to speak on the same issue or topic, members of the public are encouraged to select a representative(s) to summarize their position. Additionally, the Board Secretary will accept written comments for distribution to the Board.

Written materials for Board Members must be submitted to the Board Secretary. The written material must include the name, address and telephone number of the person submitting it. A copy of the materials that meet these requirements will be forwarded to Board Members if received by noon the Friday preceding the Board Meeting. Materials should not be sent directly to Board Members. The school can provide contact information for the board secretary on the school website, by email, by phone, or in person.

If a topic is being considered by a committee established for that purpose, the Chairman may refer the public comment to that committee.

Because of the diversity of issues, members of the Board will not respond to public comment. Instead, issues may be recorded and referred to the proper staff person for follow-up. The Chairman may interrupt or terminate an individual’s statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, repetitive, or irrelevant. The Board of Trustees as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

If a special meeting has been held to obtain public comment on a specific issue, the Chairman of the Board may not recognize speakers wishing to comment on the same topic at a regular meeting of the Board.

Cross Reference: 4110 Public Complaints
 4120 Uniform Grievance Procedure
 4320 Disruption of School Operations

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-512 (11)
 I.C. § 67-2345

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