



Policy: Relationship Between Presiding Member and Principal

Policy Statement

The Presiding Member is the leader of the Board and works on behalf of the Board on a day-to-day basis with the Principal. The relationship between the Presiding Member and the Principal is based on solidarity, trust, integrity, mutual respect for the dignity of the other, and models Gospel values.

Procedural Guidelines

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following:

1. The Board's agreed governance and management definitions,
2. The Board's Roles and Responsibilities Policy,
3. The Responsibilities of the Principal Policy,
4. The Presiding Member's Role Description Policy, and
5. The Board Members' Code of Conduct Policy

Relationship principles:

1. The relationship must be based on Gospel values.
2. A positive, productive working relationship between the Principal and the Presiding Member is both central and vital to Jireh Christian School ("the School").
3. The Presiding Member and Principal should act as sounding boards, both supporting and challenging, in order to hold the School to account for achieving the goals and targets that have been set.
4. This relationship is based on mutual trust and respect.
5. The two must work as a team and there should be no surprises.
6. The relationship must be professional.
7. Each must be able to counsel the other on performance concerns.
8. The Presiding Member supports the Principal and vice versa when required and appropriate.
9. There is understanding and acceptance of each other's strengths and weaknesses.
10. The Presiding Member and the Principal agree:
 - a. Not to undermine each other's authority,
 - b. To be honest with each other,
 - c. That policy and procedures must be followed, and
 - d. Not to hold back relevant information.
11. The Presiding Member has no authority except that granted by the Board.

Legislative Compliance

Board Code of Conduct



Review schedule: Annually

ADOPTED BY BOARD

Date 12th September 2017 Chairperson **R Thornton (Acting)**

Reviewed Date	30 th January 2018	Chairperson R Thornton
Reviewed Date	2 nd April 2019	Chairperson G Budler
Reviewed Date	25 th February 2020	Chairperson M Causley
Reviewed Date	23 rd February 2021	Chairperson M Causley
Reviewed Date	22 nd February 2022	Chairperson M Causley
Reviewed Date	21 st February 2023	Presiding Member A Coombridge
Reviewed Date	20 th February 2024	Presiding Member A Coombridge
Reviewed Date	25 th March 2025	Presiding Member A Coombridge