Board of Trustees

Committee: Committee on Trustees

Primary Purpose of Committee:

The Committee on Trustees is responsible to ensure that the River Valley Charter School continues to have an effective Board of Trustees that can provide governance to the school.

Committee Accountability and Members:

The Committee on Trustees is a standing committee of the Board of Trustees. The Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees serves as the chair of the committee.

Primary Responsibilities of Committee:

Provide Board Training	• Provide formal training to new trustees on RVCS history and mission, role of the BOT, expectations for trustees, and applicable Massachusetts laws • Provide periodic refresher training to the full BOT about changes in applicable law, and good governance practices. • Training will be provided at new trustee orientation, at annual BOT retreat, and at regular monthly BOT meetings
Evaluate Board and Committee Effectiveness	• In accordance with the Accountability Plan (Objective 9), plan and implement a bi-yearly external audit of BOT operations. Audits required in 2012-2013 school Year and every 2 years thereafter • Develop and implement a bi-yearly internal evaluation process to assess BOT committee effectiveness. Evaluation to be done in 2011-2012 school year and every 2 years thereafter
Develop Policies for Operation of the Board	• Develop and implement changes to by-laws, BOT committee structure, and BOT policies in response to findings of external BOT audit, internal committee review, changes in state law, and changes to RVCS Charter and/or accountability plan.

Recruit New Trustees	• Recruit 2 – 5 new BOT members by May of each year.
	  ○ Ensure that the BOT membership is large enough to effectively staff standing committees
	  ○ Maintain balance on the BOT between members of the parent community and outside trustees from the community at large
	  ○ Maintain balance of needed skills and experience among trustees