

Centre Learning Community Charter School

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ADOPTED: October 20, 2011

REVISED:

099. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Board recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in Board meetings.

In order to permit fair and orderly public participation, the Board will provide a period of public comment for issues not on the agenda, limiting the comments of any individual or group to five minutes. In addition, public comment may be solicited by the presiding officer for agenda items when they are under discussion. Should any Board member who calls for a vote on a motion under discussion (per Robert's Rules of Order), the period for discussion is closed. Additionally, the presiding officer reserves the right to bring public participation to a close.

Whenever issues identified by the participant are subject to remediation under policies and procedures of the Board, they shall be dealt with in accordance with these policies and procedures.

Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if appropriate.

The presiding officer may: interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant; request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum; require offensive placards, banners or other visuals to be removed from school grounds; request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting; or call a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

Electronic recording devices and cameras other than those used as official recording devices will be permitted at meetings under rules provided by the Board.

The meeting agenda and all pertinent documents shall be distributed to the press and public at the meetings.