

POLICY ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

No 401

<u>Rationale</u>

According to NAG 4 the Board is required to allocate funds to reflect the School's Charter priorities; to monitor and control school expenditure. It is responsible under the Public Finance Act to operate its fiscal activities in a prescribed manner.

Policy Statement

In managing school finances, the Board will:

- 1. ensure accountability for the control of school finances.
- 2. report to all interested parties and present accounts for audit.
- 3. ensure efficient use of funds.

Policy Guidelines

- 1. A committee of the Board will oversee the school's financial management and report accordingly to the full board as required in the committee's terms of reference.
- 2. The school will establish clear guidelines, including delegations and accountabilities, for the efficient management of each section of the budget.
- 3. According to \$130 of the Education and Training Act 2020, the principal is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school. This includes budget management within the requirements of this policy.
- 4. Appropriate financial management procedures and practices are followed in line with Public Sector Finance requirements and guidelines set out by the Ministry of Education.
- 5. Accounts for payment summaries will be presented at each monthly Board meeting and a statement of financial position will accompany this.
- 6. At a board meeting a full report on the school's financial position will be presented.
- 7. All accounts held within the school will be monitored.
- 8. Each financial year a set of accounts will be prepared in a timely and appropriate fashion, including Statement of Service Performance.
- 9. An auditor will be appointed for the school.

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