Governance Process Policy

The purpose of the board, in compliance with its approved charter, is to ensure that Gateway Preparatory Academy achieves appropriate results for its students at an appropriate cost and avoid unacceptable actions and situations.

The board will govern lawfully, observing the principles of policy governance and the school’s charter, with an emphasis on strategic leadership more than administrative details, clear distinction of board and administrative roles, encouragement of open discussion in viewpoints, united rather than individual decisions, and pro-activity rather than reactivity.

The board shall produce within the above limitations:

1. Authoritative linkage between the charter and the operational organization of the school.

2. Written governing policies that realistically address the broadest levels of all organizational decisions and situations.
   a. Outcomes: the organizational impacts, benefits, outcomes; recipients, beneficiaries, impacted groups; and their relative worth in cost or priority.
   b. Methods: constraints on executive authority that establish the prudent and ethical boundaries within which all executive activity, training, and decisions must take place.
   c. Governance Process: specification of how the board conceives, carries out, and monitors its own task.
   d. Delegation: how power is delegated and its proper use monitored; the director’s role, authority, and accountability.
   e. Assurance of successful school performance on outcomes and methods.

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