

Characteristics of Effective Boards

1. Boards have members that include business people and alumnae/i.
2. Boards take ownership of issues under their jurisdiction.
3. Boards are involved with issues pertaining to budget, policy, mission, philosophy, and planning.
4. Boards have goals, review or update them annually, and use them as a basis of self-evaluation.
5. Boards have actively working committees: finance and facility, nominating, policy, marketing, development, and executive committees.
6. Boards have contact and communication with their constituencies.
7. Boards assess their progress periodically.
8. Boards have effective meetings.
9. Boards are dedicated and committed to the school's mission.
10. Boards train their new members and provide annual in-service training for all members.
11. Boards' main achievements are in the areas of development/fundraising, budget/financial stability and plant upgrade, long-range planning, marketing/public relations/recruitment.