



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMMENTS DURING GPA BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors encourages parent and teacher involvement and input. In order to maintain a fair, professional and God honoring forum for public comments during regular Board meetings, the following rules will apply:

1. Public comments may include statements or questions. At the discretion of the Chair, immediate responses may be given; otherwise, questions will be considered and answered in writing in a timely manner by the appropriate individual(s).
2. All comments will be made in a manner that glorifies God and demonstrates humility. (Phil. 2:3-4; 1 Cor. 10:13 – *“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*)
3. Speakers will make every effort to speak the truth in love and to verify facts before commenting; also, speakers will not knowingly make comments that are unconfirmed, factually incorrect, or based on rumor. (Eph. 4:25 – *“Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.”*)
4. All comments will be respectful, reflecting respect for people as bearers of the image of God and demonstrating a desire to build up rather than tear down. (Eph. 4:29 – *“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”*)
5. Guests will listen and not interrupt others or speak out of order. (James 1:19 – *“My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.”*)
6. Speakers will be respectful of the three minutes allotted time for comments or questions.
7. Comments or questions by guests outside of the public comment period is inappropriate and will not be allowed. Those who disrupt a meeting in this way may be asked to leave and may be excluded from future meetings based on a meeting and discussed restoration plan.

Acknowledging the call of Christians to treat one another with love and deference, as taught by and demonstrated by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I commit to abide by the above instructions in both attitude and action.

Signature

Date

