

ARTS ACADEMY ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL

Board Policy

CATEGORY: Community

NUMBER: 602

TITLE: Public Comment at Board Meetings

ADOPTED: May 23, 2019

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	<p><b>General</b></p> <p>The Board of Trustees of the Arts Academy welcomes public comments during most regular meetings. This policy is adopted to govern the time and content of those comments.</p> <p><b>Purpose of Comment Period:</b></p> <p>The purpose of the Public Comment Period during meetings of the Board of Trustees is to provide the opportunity for the public to offer feedback, identify opportunities or raise issues directly to the Board. Topics open for comment include changes in the mission, goals, academic expectations, and governance structure; change in the grades served; change in enrollment; change in location of school or to add an additional facility; and proposals to open new charter schools.</p> <p><b>When will Comments will be heard?</b></p> <p>The Board hears comments at the point in the meeting specified by the Agenda. Comments may also be provided in writing to the Chairperson of the Board or at the front desk of the School.</p> <p><b>Permitted Subjects of Comments</b></p> <p>During the portion of the agenda when public comments are presented, anyone who has registered to speak will be provided 3 minutes to speak. Registration is allowed at the beginning of the meeting.</p> <p>All comments should address a matter related to the Arts Academy Elementary Charter School.</p>
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	<p>A timer will be used and speakers should conclude their remarks when told by the Chair of the meeting.</p> <p>if there are a large number of speakers, the Board may limit the total time for comment and/or may reduce the time allotted for each speaker.</p> <p>A speaker may not cede her/his time to another speaker.</p> <p><b>Prohibited subjects:</b></p> <p>The Board of Trustees will not hear public comment that involves a complaint about an individual staff member, a personnel action, a student disciplinary matter, a complaint about an individual student, or pending litigation. Such matters should be reduced to writing and sent to the Board President.</p> <p><b>Expected Decorum:</b></p> <p>Public comments which are derogatory, disparaging, or otherwise create a personal attack against any individual will be ruled out of order. The speaker may be asked to leave the meeting. The Board of Trustees expects that each speaker will be courteous, modeling for our students how one can respectfully disagree with others' views. Speakers will address their comments to the entire Board of Trustees and not to one individual Board member, staff member, or the audience. Speakers will not engage in personal attacks.</p> <p><b>Board Response:</b></p> <p>The board need not respond to public comments during the course of the meeting.</p>
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