

Top 10 Characteristics of a Highly Effective[©] Charter School Governing Board

1. Passionate, unwavering belief in the charter school's mission and core values
2. Clarity of collective vision – where the school is and where it wants to be in the future.
3. A firm understanding of the charter promises and a clear, consistent way to measure them.
4. Clarity of roles and responsibilities
 - a. Board size
 - b. Composition
 - c. Committee structure
 - d. Officers
5. Demonstration of a clear understanding of the difference between governance and management
6. Focused on results
7. The right structure
 - a. Board size
 - b. Composition
 - c. Committee structure
 - d. Officers
8. Board meetings – focused on strategic questions not just reporting
9. A School Leader who assists in the creation of effective governance
10. A strong partnership between the board and the School Leader that is built on mutual trust and respect

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