



Innovation: The Role of Charter School Board

A Basic & Fundamental Premise of Charter Schools

Charters are to be Incubators of Innovation



5 Innovative Purposes of Charter Schools

Defined in MN Statutes 124E.01 [Charter School Law]



1 – Increase Learning Opportunities for All Students

What increased learning opportunities has our school created for students?



2 – Encourage Use of Different & Innovative Teaching Methods

What innovative or different teaching methods are being implemented in our school?



3 – Create Different & Innovative Forms of Measuring Outcomes

What innovative and different forms of measuring outcomes do we use in our school?



4 – Establish New Forms of School Accountability

What new forms of accountability has our school implemented?



5 – Create New Professional Opportunities for Teachers

What new professional opportunities have we created for teachers in our school?



What is the Definition of Innovation?

Here are Two Definitions of Innovation.



*“Change that creates a new dimension of
performance”*

Peter Drucker



*“The successful exploitation of ideas,
generated at the intersection of invention
and insight which leads to social or
economic value”*

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What is an Innovation?



A **product, process, or strategy** that generates significant positive change in results or outcomes, creates new value, and has significant impact!!!



The 5 Elements of an Innovation



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1. Significant observable beneficial results
2. Perceived advantage over current ways
3. Must be sustainable
4. Easy to learn
5. Easy to try out, be relevant to the need



Charter School Board's Role & Responsibilities

7 Ways to Fulfill Role & Responsibilities



1] Ensure mission, vision, & values of school embrace the idea of Innovation



2] Ensure strategic plan supports innovative ways of accomplishing goals



3] Ensure policies, practices create & support a sustainable culture/environment for Innovation



4] Provide resources for development, implementation, & evaluation of innovative practices



5] Monitor the innovative practices being developed & implemented



6] Ensure School's Annual Report documents Innovative Practices



7] Encourage school staff to share innovative practices with charter community & beyond



Board has an Obligation to ASK Questions of Itself & Administration





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