

Asking the right questions

Eight questions for school council members to ask themselves

1. Is there any conflict, real or perceived, associated with making this decision?
2. Do I have all the facts (data) to enable me to make this decision?
3. Is this a rational decision based on all the facts?
4. Is this decision in the best interests of the company (school)?
5. Is our communication to stakeholders (school community) transparent?
6. Is our organisation (school) acting in a socially responsible way?
7. Am I a good steward of our organisation's (school's) assets?
8. Would the school council be embarrassed if its decision, and the process employed in arriving at its decision, appeared on the front page of a national newspaper?

(per Mervyn King, Chair of King Commission on Corporate Governance: Sth Africa)