

FOSB Meeting Norms
(to be voted on by community 11/12)

Overall

In this meeting, engage your community the way you would like any Salmon Bay student to engage her or his peers, both now and when he or she grows into your place in the community.

Before the Meeting

Read the agenda before the meeting so that things are less likely to surprise you.

Review accompanying documents so you are prepared to participate.

Participate in agenda development if you have news to share.

During the Meeting

Show and speak with respect at all times.

Listen actively and with an open heart. Listen to understand, not to contradict.

Make a conscious choice to believe that honorable intentions motivate each of us to share what we share. Trust that, at any given moment, each of us is doing the best we can, even if you wish it was better or different.

As you listen and before you speak, apply a filter that removes judgment. For example, "I wonder if we could do this in a way that includes more people" rather than "That's elitist."

Allow whoever is speaking to finish before you begin speaking. When situations arise in which many feel an urgent need to speak, raise your hand and wait for the Chair to recognize you.

Remember, if it's worth saying, it's worth waiting to say.

Trust and respect that the Chair will make appropriate choices about how much time to spend on a given topic.