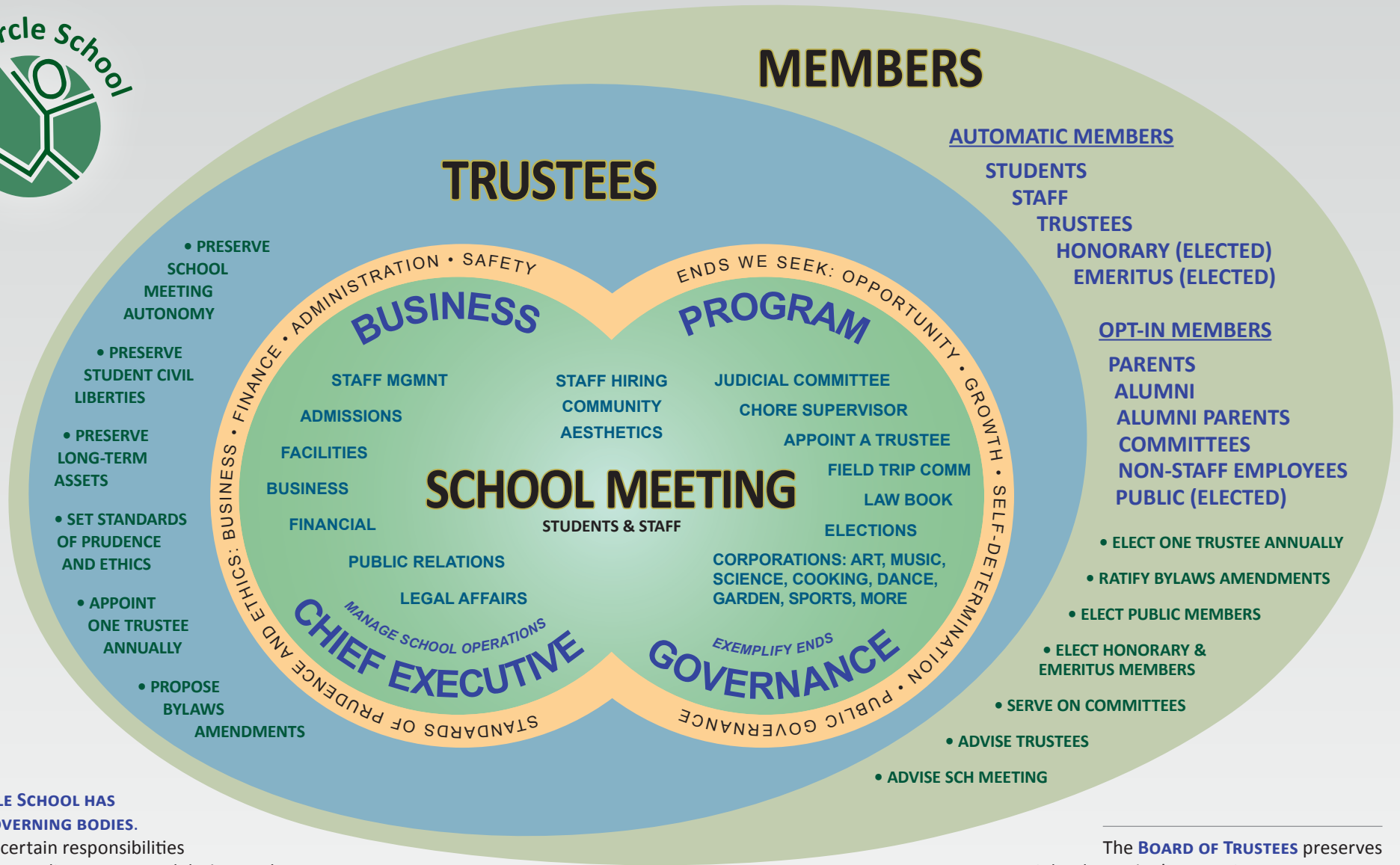


MEMBERS



THE CIRCLE SCHOOL HAS THREE GOVERNING BODIES.

Each has certain responsibilities and corresponding powers and duties. Each defers to the other two in certain ways. The three are not equal or symmetrical in their responsibilities—they specialize and fit together.

All three governing bodies are empowered and also limited by the school’s **BYLAWS**, which define school governance, just as the U.S. Constitution defines American governance.

Unlike most organizations, our Board of Trustees does not have exclusive or comprehensive authority over the organization, but instead shares the responsibilities.

Bylaws also lay out the school’s essential principles, including purposes, beliefs, values, and “**ENDS WE SEEK**”—a statement of conditions the school strives to sustain.

SCHOOL MEETING runs the daily program—activities, events, resources, lawbook, and more—and also oversees the school’s business affairs, something like a CEO or Executive Director managing campus and staff to fulfill the school’s purposes.

The **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** preserves School Meeting’s governing autonomy, students’ civil liberties, and the school’s long-term interests, and sets standards of prudence and ethics.

The general **MEMBERSHIP**—which includes alumni, parents, students, and staff—serves a watch-dog function, helping to keep the school aligned with its purposes, beliefs, and values, particularly as expressed in Ends We Seek. The Membership ratifies or rejects proposed changes to the school’s Bylaws, and annually elects one trustee.