Charter of Respect

1	•	Be present in the moment	11	•	Challenge one another, but do so with politeness
2	•	Be attentive and open to listen actively	12	•	Welcome disagreements with humility
3	•	Speak from your own experience, without generalizing	13	•	If you are offended by anything shared during the discussion, acknowledge and share it immediately
4	•	Consider anything that is said in the discussion strictly confidential	14	•	Be open to apologize if your words are interpreted as offensive
5	•	We have an obligation to abide by the Human Rights Code	15	•	Avoid judgement (even humorous ones)
6	•	Be yourself and approach everything with compassion and understanding	16	•	Take responsibility for the quality of the discussion
7	•	Ask for clarification to understand others' needs and perspectives	17	•	Build on one another's comments; work toward shared understanding of learning
8	•	Be mindful when others are speaking and try not to interrupt one another	18	•	Be mindful of allowing adequate space for sharing perspectives and thoughts
9	•	Commit to the positive interchange of opinions, perspectives and knowledge	19	•	Embrace the learning opportunities to pause and grow
10	•	Recognize that, even if there is disagreement, each participant is entitled to his/her/their perspective	20	•	Approach everything with curiosity to understand



