

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

Background

Parent and community involvement is essential to effective schools and the District. Parent Advisory Councils are therefore, supported by the District.

Procedures

1. Parents of children at District schools may apply to the District to establish a Parent Advisory Council, if one does not already exist.
 - 1.1 Only one (1) Council is allowed for each school.
 - 1.2 On receipt of the application, the District will establish the Council.
2. Parent Advisory Councils are the officially recognized voice of parents at the school level, providing an opportunity for parents and guardians to advise on school programs, policies, procedures, plans and activities.
3. The purpose of a Parent Advisory Council is to support, encourage and improve the quality of education and well-being of students.
4. All parents and guardians of children in the school are voting members of the school Parent Advisory Council.
5. The Parent Advisory Council will:
 - 5.1 Meet on a regular basis to consider school issues of interest and concern to parents.
 - 5.2 Encourage dialogue between school and community.
 - 5.3 Have the opportunity for input into school-based decisions including advising the Principal and staff on parents' views on any matter relating to the school - programs, procedures, plans and activities.
 - 5.4 Have access to information regarding school programs, procedures and operations.
 - 5.5 Encourage schools to recognize and utilize community talent and resources.
 - 5.6 Encourage continued parent group and community involvement within each school and from kindergarten to grade 12.
 - 5.7 Communicate with parents in accessing the system and provide advocacy support for parents and their children.

- 5.8 Organize Parent Advisory Council activities and events to support the school.
 - 5.9 Contribute to the effectiveness of the school by promoting the involvement of parents and other community members.
 - 5.10 Function in accordance with democratic principles.
6. All Parent Advisory Council activities, including managing activities and contracting for services must be sanctioned by the District and must comply with Board policy and administrative procedures.

Reference: Section 8, 20, 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act

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