

Series 1000 – Community Relations

1. Communication with the Public

A. Media Communication

(1) Parent Involvement

In order to assure collaborative relationships between students' families and the Board of Education and district personnel, and to enable parent(s)/guardian(s) to become active partners in education, the Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures to:

1. Keep parent(s)/guardian(s) thoroughly informed about their child's school and education~~s~~.
2. Encourage involvement in their child's school and education.
3. Establish effective two-way communication between all families and district staff.
4. Seek input from parent(s)/guardian(s) on significant school-related issues.
5. Inform parent(s)/guardian(s) on how they can assist their children's learning.
6. Utilize technology to foster effective communication between families and their schools.
- ~~6.7. Upon written request from parent(s)/guardian(s), formal written communication shall be delivered to all parent(s)/guardian(s) unless extenuating circumstances occur, in which case it will be at the sole discretion of the Superintendent.~~

The Superintendent shall periodically report to the Board on the implementation of this policy.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of Education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures as amended by PA 97-290, An Act Enhancing Educational Choices and Opportunities.

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SUFFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Suffield, Connecticut

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E. Memorials to Deceased Students and Staff

Recognizing that the loss of a member of the school community is deeply felt, the District will support staff, students and families who feel the loss, and will assist with connections to appropriate community resources. As places designated primarily to support learning, school sites should not serve as the main venue for the memorializing of students or staff.

~~The preferred method for p~~Permanent memorials to deceased students or staff shall be in the form of a living memorial, such as a tree. Specific locations for plantings shall be determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee. Living memorials may be marked with a permanent stone or plaque indicating the name and relevant information of the person to be memorialized. The specific type of living memorial and messages on accompanying stones or plaques shall be approved by the Superintendent and shall not be paid for through district funds. ~~Other types of permanent memorials may be approved by the Superintendent instead of a living memorial.~~ The family shall be consulted at the time of any request. Permanent memorials, ~~regardless of the form,~~ shall be limited to one per loss.

Memorial activities for deceased students or staff expressed at school shall be coordinated and approved through the Crisis Response Team (CRT), as well as building administration. The CRT will assist families and students in selecting memorial activities that are appropriate for school and assist students and staff with healthy bereavement. Building administration, in consultation with the Superintendent and CRT, shall exercise discretion in determining which activities best meet the overall needs of students, staff, parents and the community. Examples of such activities include yearbook recognition, graduation recognition, and moment of silence recognition. The Superintendent, in consultation with the CRT, has discretion to consider memorial events, such as a vigil, that utilize district facilities when the death of a student or staff member has a significant impact on a majority of students, staff and community.

Temporary memorials, such as floral arrangements and photo displays, shall remain in place at the discretion of the Superintendent, for a period of time not to exceed two weeks after the death occurred. Such memorials shall then be given to the family by designated district officials, when practicable. Temporary memorials shall not alter district owned property.

The District reserves the right to establish design parameters so that all permanent memorials blend with the architecture or setting of the facility, and/or blend with existing memorials.

Series 9000 – Bylaws of the Board

1. Organization

B. Board Officers

The officers of the Board of Education shall be:

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson
- Secretary

Officers shall be elected at the biennial organizational meeting, to be held ~~not~~ later than one month after the date on which ~~the~~ newly elected members take office.

At the biennial organizational meeting, the Superintendent will preside over the election of all officers. The process for electing officers shall be as follows:

- 1) The Superintendent will request nominations for ~~and accept nominations for~~ Chairperson. All nominations shall either be accepted or declined by the nominee. After all nominations for the position have been submitted, the Superintendent will accept a motion from the Board, along with a second, to close the nominations. The Superintendent shall then ask for discussion about nominees. Following discussion, the Superintendent will call for the recording secretary to conduct a roll call vote in which Board members shall verbally cast votes for a nominated candidate or abstain from the process. Chairperson shall be elected by written ballot.
- 2) Once a Chairperson is elected, the Superintendent shall repeat the process for the position of Vice Chairperson.
- 3) Once a Vice Chairperson is elected, the Superintendent shall repeat the process for the position of Secretary.

~~The Chairperson will then preside over the meeting and accept nominations for the Vice Chairperson. After all nominations have been submitted, the Vice Chairperson shall also be elected by written ballot.~~

~~The Chairperson will then accept nominations for Secretary. After all nominations have been submitted, the Secretary shall also be elected by written ballot.~~

Officers shall serve for a (2) two year terms, or until a successor has been elected.

(cf.9121 – Chairperson)

(cf. 9122 – Vice Chairperson)

(cf. 9123 – Secretary of the Board)

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