

OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUPS

2030

Relates to: 2030F

The Board encourages the formation and organization of parent and community support groups. While it is the intent of the Board to encourage such groups, such groups should have recognizable functions, goals, and objectives in order to be approved by the Board. The Board may recognize and approve such support groups, upon proper application to the Superintendent, under the following minimum conditions:

1. Legal Status:

Parent and community support groups should determine the legal status in which they desire to function, which may be in the form of a not-for-profit corporation with federal tax-exempt status under IRC 501(c)(3), et. seq., a not-for-profit corporation without a federal tax exemption, a voluntary association, or as a local member group of a national or statewide organization, such as the National Congress of Parent Teacher Association. It is not a function of the Board to suggest the manner of organization, and such support groups should seek their own legal counsel and tax consultants as to their own particular functions. However, such groups must have elected or appointed leadership, containing at least a President, Chairman, Manager, or other recognized position, as well as a Board of Directors, Executive Board, Management Board, or other group legally capable of decision making. The governing board of support groups shall include the school principal or his/her designee.

2. Board Approved Groups:

The Board shall review applications of such support groups submitted on forms approved by the Superintendent, in order to determine the goals, objectives, leadership, organization, and functions of the group, so that such will not overlap or duplicate the functions of other groups. After approval, the Board and administration shall receive annually, a report from such groups on forms supplied by the Superintendent, as to sources and amounts of funding, expenditures, activities sponsored, and achievement of goals and objectives. Continued approval of such groups by the Board shall be contingent upon the receipt and approval of such annual reports.

3. Fund Raising:

All fund-raising activities in the name of the school, which are undertaken by support groups, must be approved by the Board. Requests for approval must include the type of activity, date, estimated proceeds and intended use of proceeds including any excess funds raised. All funds raised as the result of a fundraiser must be spent in accordance with stated intended use in the fundraising request. An audit report of all funds collected through each fund-raising activity shall be included in the Annual Report referenced above. Support groups, including Booster Clubs, may not adopt a fee, charge, or dues amount related to any school-sponsored activity.

4. Use of School Facilities:

Upon approval by the Board, Superintendent, or Principal, groups approved under this policy may use school facilities at no rental charge.

5. Field Trips:

All student field trip activities are subject to all policies of the Board even though funded entirely by such support groups.

6. Title IX

All support groups must comply with all requirements of the Education Amendment Act of 1972 and Board policy pertaining to Title IX.