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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

In order for the Wrangell Public Schools Board to gather community input from stakeholders and constituents, School Advisory Committees shall be formed. These committees shall serve the purpose of providing community input to the School Principal. The following guidelines shall govern the procedures of the School Advisory Committees:

1. School Principals shall advertise the Committee broadly to include any and all interested constituents and stakeholders. Members should include representation from a wide range of subgroups in the District (migrant, Title I, Indian Education, etc.).

2. In the fall School Principals shall appoint a minimum of 6 community members to serve on the Committee. Additional appointments may be made as needed.

3. The Committee shall appoint a member as School Advisory Committee Chair at the first meeting following appointments in the fall.

4. School Advisory Committee meetings shall be held monthly during the school year. The agenda from the School Advisory Committee meetings should be included in the monthly Board packet behind the principal's report. School Advisory Committee members should be invited to School Board Work Sessions as appropriate so that committee input could be heard and considered on topics relating to the District.

5. The School Advisory Committee Chair shall be responsible for contacting the selected School Advisory Committee members and shall ensure the following responsibilities and conditions of the School Advisory Committee are met:

    a. By-laws have been created to govern the Committee and should be reviewed annually. These shall include at a minimum the selection of officers and meeting protocols that ensure all stakeholder input is heard and recorded accurately and objectively in committee meeting notes. The Committee may choose an alternate name for their committee however, it must include the name of the school.
    b. The School Advisory Committee input is not intended to exercise direct influence on, or address individual staff, family or student complaints or grievances. The School Advisory Committee shall not discuss individual students or staff members.
    c. The School Advisory Committee should serve the purpose of hearing input from families and the community. The School Advisory Committee shall not be used as a vehicle for employees of the District to exercise influence over the decisions of, or air grievances to, the Board Members.
    d. District information, data, or reports needed by the School Advisory Committee shall be provided by the School Principal and staff designees who shall attend all meetings and provide such information and clarification as requested to the Committee.

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6. The Purpose of the School Advisory Committee shall be as follows:
   a. Identify common needs and goals among all those invested in the district (parents and community).
   b. Provide feedback and insight from the parent's and/or community's perspective on school process, policies, and initiatives to ensure the needs of parents, students and their families are included as decisions that are made in the district.
   c. Address existing and emerging issues expressed by parents at the school they represent.
   d. Serve as an advisory body that makes recommendations to the School Principal on opportunities for parent and student involvement, as well as on a variety of topics such as preparation for college, career, and citizenship, needs of students, and system improvement ideas.
   e. Facilitate communication between and among the parents and parent organizations from all district schools.
   f. Serve as a forum for sharing innovations for consideration by the district.
   g. Assist the School Principal in enacting the School Board's Mission, Vision, and Goals.
   h. Fundraising as desired, not to exceed one fundraiser per academic quarter; fundraising must follow the process outlined for Class & Club Accounts.

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