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Advisory Committees

A. Superintendent's Advisory Committee

The intent of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee is to provide an ongoing parent and community perspective concerning the schools and their programs. The Committee shall be composed of parents and community members and the Superintendent, with preference given to parents with children in the school system. Committee members will be self-nominated. The Superintendent will select two representatives from each of the five magisterial districts with the assistance of the School Board members from the district of the nominees. The Superintendent will host five meetings throughout the year with the attendance of one School Board member at each meeting.

B. Parental Involvement – Title I

Parents of children participating in Title I programs shall have an appropriate opportunity to participate in the design and implementation of the project.

A public meeting shall be convened annually to which all parents of eligible children shall be invited for the purposes of soliciting parental input and providing parents an opportunity to establish mechanisms for maintaining ongoing communication among parents, teachers and school officials.

A parent advisory council shall be established and operated so that it meets the requirements of federal law and state guidelines.

The local supervisor charged with the responsibility of developing and carrying out procedures that satisfy federal law and state guidelines concerning parental involvement for the parents of Title I participants.

C. Special Education Advisory Committee

Consumer support is vitally important to special education progress. A local special education advisory committee is recommended by the Superintendent to the School Board for approval. The committee may suggest to the Superintendent names of those individuals who have indicated an interest in serving in an advisory capacity, or who are otherwise qualified for membership. This will provide the Superintendent with a broad range of available candidates.

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Prospective members may be asked to submit background information reflecting their experience and interest.

Personnel shall consider the person's:

1. Interest in public education
2. Willingness to serve without compensation
3. Availability to attend meetings and to serve a specified term
4. Willingness to participate in in-service training.

The membership of the local advisory committee shall include but not be limited to:

1. Disabled persons
2. Parents of disabled persons
3. Members representing community civic organizations
4. Member representing business and industry
5. Member representing public agencies concerned with the care of disabled persons
6. Representatives from other local advisory committees concerned with the education and training of disabled persons.

The Coordinator of Special Education shall only serve as a consultant to the committee.

D. Gifted Advisory Committee

A local advisory committee shall be formed composed of parents, teachers, administrators, community members and others whose purpose is to advise the School Board through the Superintendent on the educational needs of gifted students. This committee shall review annually the local plan for the education of gifted students and the extent to which the plan for the previous year was implemented.

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The members shall recommend to the School Board by the Superintendent for approval. The committee shall meet at least once per semester and once during the summer.

E. School Health Advisory Board

A local health advisory board shall be established to assist with the development of health policy in the school division and the evaluation of the status of school health, health education, the school environment, and health services. This advisory board, of not more than twenty members, shall consist of parents, students, health professionals, educators, and other community representatives.

The school health advisory board shall meet at least two times per year and shall make an annual report to the School Board on the status and needs of student health in the school division. Reports shall be made to any relevant school, the Virginia Department of Health, and the Virginia Department of Education.

Terms

All advisory committees will be recommended by the Superintendent to the School Board. Terms will rotate on a plan decided by the School Board.

Legal Reference: Code of Virginia, Sections 22.1-86, 22.1-275.1

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