

School Advisory Council (SAC) ByLaws

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North Lauderdale ES (2231)

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL BY-LAWS****ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this Council shall be the **North Lauderdale ES School Advisory Council.**

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The primary objectives of the School Advisory Council (SAC) shall be to help identify needs and recommend programs of action. Through a community-wide commitment, the team will foster a positive learning environment, which sets high expectations and meets the diverse needs of the student body.

The School Advisory Council shall be a link between the school and the local community and will serve as a means for participatory management through which the various stakeholders in the school community may assist the school and the school may assist the community. The stakeholders are parents, business people, students, other community representatives, professional educators, and other school staff. The School Advisory Council shall be a resource to the school and school principal. School Advisory Council functions shall include:

- A. To facilitate the development of the School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- B. To monitor implementation of the SIP
- C. To evaluate the effectiveness of the SIP
- D. To provide assistance in the preparation of the school's annual budget
- E. To make recommendations as to the alignment of instructional staffing and instructional materials to support the SIP

Section 1. Voting: In accordance with the Sunshine Law, a vote of the membership will be taken. All votes must be conducted orally. All members of the Council shall have one vote each. A voting member must be present in person to vote. (See Section Article VI, Section 9.)

Section 2. Term of Membership: Members of the SAC should attend SAC meetings on a regular basis. A SAC member will be removed from membership after two (2) unexcused consecutive absences from properly noticed SAC meetings. Vacancies will be filled as described above.

Section 3. Length of Term: Members of the School Advisory Council shall be elected for year term(s).

Section 4. Announcement of an election must be made to the various peer groups at least one week in advance. Announcements will be distributed in a manner that ensures the widest dissemination possible within the peer group.

Section 5. Election of the faculty representatives will take place at a scheduled general faculty meeting.

Section 6. Election of the parent representatives will take place at a scheduled general meeting of parents.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of this committee will consist of and secretary.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected annually at the meeting.

Section 3: Installation of new officers will be held at the meeting of the school year.

Section 4: If for any reason, an officer is unable to complete the term of office, a new election will be held at the next meeting.

Section 5. Nominations of SAC Officers:

A. There shall be a nominating committee composed of three members who shall be elected by the School Advisory Council at a regular meeting. The committee shall consist of at least one, but not more than two, of current elected officers and the remainder from the general membership.

B. The nominating committee will present a slate of candidates for each office at which time nominations from the floor will be taken.

C. Nominations for officers will be made from the floor at a School Advisory Council meeting.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

A. The **Chairperson** shall preside at all meetings of the Council and will be an ex-officio member(s) of all committees except the nominating committee. The **Chairperson** will prepare an agenda at least 7 days in advance for all meetings. A copy of the agenda shall be provided to anyone who requests it. The **Chairperson** or designee shall represent SAC at Area Advisory meetings and as a voting member of the school's School Advisory Forum (SAF). The **Chairperson** will represent the SAC at District meetings and/or workshops and may choose a designee to attend as necessary. The **SAC Chairperson** will sign the school's annual budget (per District Budget Guidelines) as an indication of SAC participation in both processes.

B. The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence and notices of meetings. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and assure that copies of the minutes are distributed in a timely manner to Council members. Minutes will be made available to any stakeholder who requests them. The Secretary will keep an accurate record of attendance at all meetings as well as a current roster of all stakeholders.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

- B. Per the General Appropriations Act, Accountability Funds may not be used for capital improvements or for projects or programs with a duration of more than one-year. A principal may not override the selection of the use of the money.
- C. School-based decisions concerning the distribution of School Recognition Funds will be the responsibility of the SAC in accordance with procedures established by the District.

ARTICLE IX. SAC TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES

- A. SAC members will have opportunities to engage in training activities and workshops to build the team, orient new members, develop skills, assist in the annual budget process, and gain a better understanding as to their roles in the school improvement process.
- B. School-based accountability funds may be used to support appropriate training.
- C. Members of the SAC will take an active role in the development, implementation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan. Members will participate in monitoring the progress of the SIP and will assist in completing a needs assessment each year to determine how best to revise the current SIP.
- D. The SAC will have access to the necessary data to successfully complete the SIP, including budgets, staffing levels, instructional materials, and test data. School personnel, as directed by the principal, may assist the SAC in gathering and interpreting data.
- E. The SAC and its officers will follow all District policies, state rules, and state statutes in conducting its business.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

- A. Bylaws must conform to the State of Florida statutes and the policies of the School Board of Broward County, Florida.
- B. Amendments to the bylaws will be approved by a majority of the SAC members. Bylaws will be reviewed and approved annually.

ARTICLE XI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern (**North Lauderdale ES**) School Advisory Council.

Annual Ratification

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