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District Advisory Council

In compliance with Education Code 11.251, the District Advisory Council (committee) shall advise the Board or its designee in establishing and reviewing the District's educational goals, objectives, and major Districtwide classroom instructional programs identified by the Board or its designee. The committee shall serve exclusively in an advisory role except that the committee shall approve staff development of a Districtwide nature.

Chairperson

The Superintendent shall be the Board's designee and shall name the chairperson of the committee. The Superintendent shall meet with the committee periodically.

Meetings

The chairperson of the committee shall set its agenda and shall schedule at least two meetings per year; additional meetings may be held at the call of the chairperson.

Communications

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the District-level committee obtains broad-based community, parent, and staff input and provides information to those persons on a systematic basis. Methods of communication may include, but are not limited to:

1. Articles regarding the work of the committee in District and campus publications or on the District website.
2. News releases to the local media regarding the work of the committee.
3. Periodic reports on the work of the committee that may be posted on campus bulletin boards.

Composition

The committee shall be composed of members who shall represent campus-based professional staff, District-level professional staff, parents, businesses, and the community. For purposes of this policy, District-level professional staff shall be defined as professionals who have responsibilities at more than one campus, including, but not limited to, central office staff.

Professional Staff

Classroom teacher representatives shall be nominated and elected by classroom teachers assigned to each campus and shall comprise at least two-thirds of the total professional staff representation on the committee.

At least one campus-based nonteaching professional representative shall be nominated and elected by all campus principals.

At least one District-level professional staff member, other than the Superintendent, shall be nominated and elected by the District-level professional staff.

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Parents	The committee shall include at least two parents of students currently enrolled in the District, selected in accordance with administrative procedures. The Superintendent shall, through various channels, inform all parents of District students about the committee's duties and composition and shall solicit volunteers. [See BQA(LEGAL)]
Community Members	The committee shall include at least two community members selected by a process that provides for adequate representation of the community's diversity, in accordance with administrative procedures. The Superintendent shall use several methods of communication to ensure that community residents are informed of the committee and are provided the opportunity to participate and shall solicit volunteers. Community representatives must reside in the District.
Business Representatives	The committee shall include at least two business representatives selected by a process that provides for adequate representation of the community's diversity, in accordance with administrative procedures. The Superintendent shall use several methods of communication to ensure that area businesses are informed of the committee and are provided the opportunity to participate and shall solicit volunteers. Business representatives need not reside in nor operate businesses in the District.
Elections	<p>An employee's affiliation or lack of affiliation with any organization or association shall not be a factor in either the nomination or election of the employee to the committee. [See DGA]</p> <p>The consent of each nominee shall be obtained before the person's name may appear on the ballot. Election of the committee shall be held in the fall of each school year at a time determined by the Board or its designee. Nominations and elections shall be conducted in accordance with this policy and administrative regulations.</p>
Terms	Representatives shall serve staggered two-year terms and shall not be limited as to the number of consecutive terms they may serve on the committee.
Vacancy	If a vacancy occurs among the representatives, nominations shall be solicited and an election held or selection made for the unexpired term in the same manner as for the annual election.
Other Advisory Groups	The existence of the District-level committee shall not affect the authority of the Board or its designee to appoint or establish other advisory groups or task forces to assist it in matters pertaining to District instruction.