

ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

PURPOSE: To enhance the effectiveness of the North Kingstown school committee's (NKSC) decision-making processes through consultation from external people and groups.

PHILOSOPHY: The NKSC complies with all statutory requirements for advisory committees. In addition, the committee may desire more formal input from various constituencies or individuals on specific issues concerning the care, control, and management of local public schools.

Policy Statement

1. Statutory Advisory Committees.

a. The committee in conjunction with the Superintendent will maintain all local advisory committees as required by law or local charter. The superintendent shall advise the committee on all required advisory committees at the biennial organization meeting. The NKSC will appoint a NKSC member to such advisory committees if legally required or desired by the committee.

b. The Superintendent shall ensure statutory committees fulfill their legal obligations. Committee members serve with no compensation; however, the Superintendent may request funds through the budget process for expense reimbursement and committee support. The Superintendent in coordination with the NKSC chair will provide the NKSC an annual update on any required advisory committee.

2. Temporary Advisory Committees.

a. The NKSC may for certain issues constitute temporary advisory committees. The NKSC will provide a clear charge, including the scope of issues to be considered and the duration of the advisory committee. The Superintendent shall ensure the membership broadly represents the community, taking into consideration the charge of the committee. The NKSC will approve membership of any committee upon recommendation by the Superintendent.

b. Committee members serve with no compensation; however, the Superintendent may request funds through the budget process for expense reimbursement and committee support.

c. Advisory committees are recommending bodies without authority to act upon or implement their recommendations. The Board reserves the right to dissolve any of its temporary advisory committees by a majority vote at any legally convened school committee meeting where such dissolution is on the agenda. The Superintendent and the NKSC chair will ensure committee findings and recommendations are reported to the NKSC as necessary.

d. Temporary committees will follow applicable open meeting law requirements.

3. School Committee Liaisons

a. The NKSC may desire certain constituencies are represented at committee meetings for an on-going or temporary basis. Any district that pays tuition to educate students at North Kingstown High School (NKHS) and whose students represent more than 5% of the high school's enrollment shall be invited by the NKSC chair to provide a liaison.

b. NKHS shall be represented by at least one high school student in good standing. The Superintendent shall develop a collaborative process to select student liaisons. Student liaisons are expected to regularly attend committee meetings and provide input on behalf of the student body.

c. Liaisons are expected to participate in regularly scheduled open meetings of the committees; however, liaisons will not cast a vote. Liaisons shall not attend executive sessions. Liaisons will be seated at the table with NKSC members and NKSD administration officials.

d. Liaisons serve with no compensation and are expected to follow the committee's rules and procedures for meetings. Liaisons shall not be given access to sensitive and confidential information, including student and personnel records.

4. The Superintendent is authorized to develop implementing regulations for committee approval if necessary for this policy.

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