Modern Family: Leveraging the Relationship Between the School Board and Parent Community

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Overview

- School Board Policy – 10.6
- Role of Advisory Councils
- Description of Standing committees
- Short Term Special Committees
- How they work
- Staff Support of Councils
- How can this work in your school division – an exercise
APS School Board Policy

10-6 - School Board Advisory Committees

• 10-6.01 - Advisory Council on Instruction
• 10-6.02 - Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs
• 10-6.03 - Budget Advisory Council
• 10-6.04 - School Health Advisory Board
• 10-6.05 - Student Advisory Board
• 10-6.06 - School Plan Advisory Committees
• Includes 40 to 50 individuals appointed by School Board from each school and various community organizations

• Reviews system-wide curriculum and instructional program and in developing recommendations for improvement

• 14 curriculum-based/focused advisory committees report to council annually
• Assists School Board in continuous, systematic review of school facilities

• Helps with annual and long-range Capital Improvement Program

• Offers recommendations to Board School Facilities and Student Accommodation Plan includes 10 year Capital Improvement Plan

• 15-member council is appointed to two-year staggered terms
Made up of 15 community members

Makes recommendations on:

- Policies and practices related to operating budget and financial management
- To School Board on budget priorities
- Advises on Superintendent’s Proposed Budget
- Assists in educating the community
- Provides study and recommendations on special topics/issues
- Presents School Board with annual written report
- Collaborates with ACI and Facilities Council
Multimodal Transportation & Student Safety Special Committee

• Joint committee between school system and county

• Short term committee formed for 18 months with specific charge and deliverables made up of 8 parents, 2 students

• Provided advice regarding safe transportation of students to and from school by a variety of modes of transportation including:
  o Walking
  o Bus transportation
  o Bicycling
  o Driving

• Implementation of recommendations still in progress
Committee formed for one year with charge of updating FACE policy

Led by Board member and made up by community stakeholders

Update necessary given changing student and family demographics

Deepening engagement with family key to affecting academic achievement and eliminating the gap

Committee looked at ways to:
  o Leverage new ways of communicating
  o Include milestones in policy to affect change
  o Ensure APS strengthened and built its ability to work with parents in a deliberate way
In September, Councils meet with Supt and School Board to outline important issues for the coming year

Monthly meetings to discuss issues and provide input

Councils have subcommittees that address specific issues

Annual report from each committee to Board

Board holds work session to discuss each report in public

Goals of report inform budget and department work plans

Policy implications discussed and addressed
Staff liaison assigned to each group according to policy

Continuous support of council work

Liaisons exchange information from councils with Supt and Board

Supports Arlington Improvement Model (AIM)
Arlington Improvement Model

1. Remember the Goal
2. Determine the Current Condition
3. Set the Next Target Condition
4. PDSA to the Target Condition

Vision

Goal
What is an issue in your school division where a council help with decision-making?
School Board Advisory Councils and Committees
http://www.apsva.us/domain/173

Advisory Council on Instruction

Budget Advisory Council
http://www.apsva.us/Page/2280

Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs
http://www.apsva.us/page/2359

Family and Community Engagement