

Consistent with Public School Code, Section 22-5-16 NMSA 1978, the Board adopts the following policy, directing all district schools to establish and maintain an Advisory School Council to assist the school principal with school-based decision-making and to involve parents in their children's education.

For each school site, the council membership will consist of two school employees, two parent representatives, one member of the business or service community if available, and the school principal. The school principal shall serve as the chairperson of the council. At the secondary level, the council membership will also include the Student Council President or his/her designee.

The only permanent member of the council will be the school principal. All other members are appointed/elected to serve for a period of one school year. Members may serve an unlimited number of successive terms, provided that they qualify for the position.

At the beginning of each year, the principal will appoint two school employees to serve on the council. Parent and community candidates for the councils shall declare their interest by filing the appropriate form with the principal at the respective school. Following a review of parent and community member declarations of interest, the principal and designated school employees shall elect parents and a community member to the council. If the school principal determines that a larger council will be beneficial, additional interested parties may be appointed/elected through the same process as long as the balance of employees and non-employees is maintained.

Removal of a member from the council may only be done by the school principal with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.

Should a member of the council be unable to complete his/her term, the vacant position shall be filled by appointment of the school principal. The newly appointed member shall remain in that position through the end of the current term of service.

Each council will meet at least four times during each school year at the council's respective school site.

Each council shall:

- work with the school principal and give advice, consistent with state and school district rules and policies, on policies and procedures relating to instructional issues and curricula and on the school's proposed and actual budgets;
- develop creative ways to involve parents in the schools;
- where appropriate, coordinate with any existing work force development boards or vocational education advisory councils to connect students and school academic programs to business resources and opportunities; and
- serve as the champion for students in building community support for schools and encouraging greater community participation in the schools.