

CONNECT CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY

Policy Title: School Council

Policy No. 7.02

RATIONALE: The Board strongly supports the establishment of a School Council and recognizes that it provides a valuable link between the Board and the school community and brings critical perspectives about education, the needs of the school and the concerns of the community to the Board.

POLICY: The Board recognizes the importance of a parental voice through a School Council.

PRINCIPLES:

The School Council shall:

1. Be advisory to the principal and the Board.
2. Encourage parents/guardians to be partners with the school in the education of their children.
3. Enhance communication between the home and the school.
4. Provide input in the development and attainment of the mission and vision of the school.

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Adopted December 7, 2004

Amended December 17, 2013

Amended April 21, 2015

PROCEDURES:

The School Council shall:

1. Be constituted in a manner consistent with legislative requirements.
2. Identify a member of the parent community for nomination to the Connect Charter School Society Board in the role of Board liaison to School Council.
3. Report to the Principal and the Board, not later than September 30 each year, an annual report summarizing the activities of the School Council over the previous school year and including a financial report detailing the receipt, handling and use of any money by the School Council in the previous school year.
4. Receive reports from the Principal, the Board, or teachers on the school program, general policies and organization of the school, and the school's annual results.
5. Provide advice on charter renewal applications, policies, the annual education plan/annual results report, and the annual School budget including school fees.
6. Serve as a forum for parents to bring forward suggestions and concerns.
7. Facilitate supplemental programs and activities that support and enhance the school program and school community.
8. Receive reports and suggestions from community groups on school related issues.
9. Members will act as ambassadors within the community.