

Policy Number: G 50

GOVERNANCE

SUBJECT: Board Committee Principles

POLICY STATEMENT

Board committees will be used sparingly, only when other methods have been deemed inadequate. Board committees will be assigned so as to minimally interfere with the wholeness of the Board's job and so as to never interfere with delegation from the Director of Education.

1. Board committees are to help the Board do its job. Committees ordinarily will assist the Board by preparing policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. Board committees are not to be created by the Board to advise staff.
2. Board committees may not speak or act for the Board except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes. Expectations and authority will be carefully stated in order not to conflict with authority delegated to the Director of Education.
3. Board committees cannot exercise authority over staff. Because the Director of Education works for the full Board, he or she will not be required to obtain approval of a Board committee before an executive action. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Board committees will not have direct dealings with current staff operations.
4. Board committees are to avoid over-identification with organizational parts rather than the whole. Therefore, a Board committee which has helped the Board create policy on some topic will not be used to monitor organizational performance on that same subject.
5. This policy applies only to committees which are formed by Board action, whether or not the committees include non-Board members. It does not apply to committees formed under the authority of the Director of Education.
6. The terms of reference of all committees approved by the Board shall include the purpose, duties, organization and membership for each committee and shall be approved by Board action.

Monitoring:


Methods: Internal Report
Frequency: August

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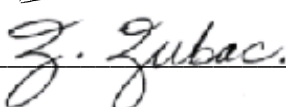
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Signature of the Secretary of the Board:



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