



## **FRED LYNN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

### **SY2024-25 School Advisory Council Bylaws**

#### **I. Purpose**

1. The purpose of Fred Lynn School Advisory Council (SAC) is to provide feedback and recommendations to the principal pertaining to the annual school Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP).

#### **II. Mission Statement**

1. The mission of Fred Lynn SAC is to implement best practices that lead to continual improvement of student learning and achievement.
2. The SAC supports Fred Lynn Middle School's mission by advisory to the principal on issues related to achieving the school's goals through the development, implementation, and evaluation of the CIP.

#### **III. Membership**

1. The membership of the SAC will ideally represent all segments of the school community, to include:
  - a. Staff
  - b. Parents of current students
  - c. Current students; and
  - d. Community members.
2. Members of the SAC shall be free from conflicts between their individual job responsibilities and their roles as members of the council.

#### **IV. Selection of the Membership**

1. The membership selection process will proceed in the following manner:
  - a. Staff
    1. The principal shall appoint staff members to the SAC from diverse areas of expertise.
    2. Appointments shall be based on staff interest.

b. Parent Members

1. The principal and administration shall identify potential parent members.
2. Parents selected for membership shall be approved by the principal.

c. Students

1. The staff and Administration shall recommend potential student members to the principal.
2. The principal will have final approval of student membership.
3. Student members will not be limited to those already in leadership roles in the school.

d. Superintendent's Advisory Council for Instruction (SACI) Representative or Alternate

1. The SACI representative, or his or her alternate, shall hold membership in the SAC.

e. Community Members

1. The principal may solicit recommendations for community members from staff, parents, or parents.
2. Community members shall be directly connected to the school and have an interest in its improvement.

V. Appointment and Length of Membership

1. SAC membership shall be identified by September 30.
2. Each SAC member will be encouraged to remain in his/her role for three school years.
3. The advisory council chair shall serve for no more three consecutive school years.

VI. Removal from Membership

1. Membership in the SAC may be terminated by the principal if the member:
  - a. Fails to meet the qualifications for membership.
  - b. Fails to fulfill the responsibilities of the position; or
  - c. Exhibits behaviors deemed disruptive to the SAC's mission by the principal.

VII. SAC Training

1. All members of the SAC are subject to training on the continuous improvement process and

the roles and responsibilities of the advisory council as deemed appropriate by the principal.

#### VIII. Selection and Duties of Officers

1. By September 30 of each school year, the following three officers shall be chosen for the school year:

a. Advisory Council Chair (Required)

1. The chairperson shall be a parent of a student.

2. The Chairperson will have the following duties:

a. Confirm meeting dates

b. Notify members of each meeting

c. Develop and distribute agendas in consultation with the principal

d. Monitor committee progress in collaboration with the principal

2. Co-Chairperson

1. The co-chairperson shall be a parent of a student.

2. The co-chairperson will have the following duties:

a. Act in the place of the chairperson in his or her absence

b. Assist the Chairperson in developing agendas

c. Assist the Chairperson in reviewing committee progress

3. Secretary

1. The secretary shall be a recognized member of the SAC

2. The secretary will have the following duties:

a. Maintain the SAC membership list and attendance records

b. Keep minutes of each SAC meeting

c. Provide copies of the minutes to members prior to each meeting

d. Maintain files of PAC meetings, agendas, reports, and by-laws

#### IX. Meetings

1. SAC meetings shall be held at least six times a year

2. SAC members and parents/guardians shall be notified of the dates and times for each meeting.

#### X. Attendance

1. Active attendance and participation by members are strongly encouraged

#### XI. Open Chair

1. The last fifteen minutes of each meeting shall be allotted for "Citizens Time."
2. During "Citizens Time," speakers will have sufficient time for public comment or questions related to SAC topics.
3. Both non-SAC and SAC members may speak during "Citizens Time".
4. The principal will note any Citizen Time discussion and offer feedback at the next scheduled meeting.

#### XII. Decision Making

1. The SAC is responsible for advising the principal on matters relevant to the school's Continuous Improvement Plan as requested by the principal.
2. The council does not determine policy or procedures on substantive school matters
3. Any decision made in SAC's advisory role will be made by consensus
4. Consensus in this context means a decision that considers the opinions of all members present on a particular issue.
5. Further, no SAC members shall utilize the SAC forum to discuss any personal or individual issue.

#### XIII. SAC Bylaws

1. The SAC shall have a set of written and published bylaws to govern its operation.
2. SAC Bylaws are subject to annual review, revision, and adoption by the SAC.