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# **Carroll ISD District Committee Bylaws**

Board Policy BDB (Local) provides the function of District Committees shall be fact-finding, deliberative, and advisory, but not administrative.

The Board of Trustees for Carroll ISD established the Policy Review Committee (name of committee) to act as a fact-finding, deliberative, and advisory to the Board of Trustees in matters regarding the Student Code of Conduct, the Student Handbook and other policies deemed necessary for review.

### **SECTION 1.**

- 1. Each district committee shall have no more than 15 members (unless otherwise noted in board local and legal policy) + 2 Trustees appointed by the Board President and will be completed by the following process:
  - Each Trustee will review the committee member applications and may nominate
     <u>1 applicant + 1 alternate</u> (in case there are duplicate nominations) for a particular
     committee (7).
    - i. Applicants must complete a background check.
    - Selected committee members must sign a confidentiality agreement for committee discussion, deliberations, and recommendations to protect the integrity of the work that will, at times, be presented to CISD Administration and Board of Trustees.
    - iii. Applicants can only serve on one committee.
  - b. District leaders will nominate staff (5) District lead is included in the 5
  - c. CISD Board Officers will fill the remaining community member places from the applications (3)
  - d. TOTAL: 10 Community, 5 Staff, plus 2 Trustees Appointed by the Board President (BDB Local).
  - e. The President of the Board and the Superintendent shall be ex officio members of all Board committees (BDB Local).
- 2. There shall be a Committee Chair (a community member) agreed upon and appointed by the Committee Membership.
- 3. There shall be a Committee District Lead who will work in coordination with the Committee Chair.



- 4. There shall be a Committee Secretary appointed by the Committee Chair responsible for meeting agenda and meeting minutes.
- 5. There shall be a current website and the District Leader will be responsible for updating the committee's page with membership, agendas, and minutes.
- 6. Committee members shall serve a two-year staggered term, unless an early termination is agreed upon by majority of the committee membership.
- 7. Committee chair and secretary shall serve for one- year terms and thereafter until their successors are elected.
- 8. The bylaws shall be posted on the committee website and shall govern the meetings of the committee.
- 9. The committee shall use Robert's Rules of Order as a tool to bring order to meetings and allow the group to take care of business in an efficient and predictable manner. Robert's Rules of Order and other kinds of parliamentary procedures are a proven way of conducting meetings.

#### **SECTION 2.**

- 1. The committee's bylaws shall be consistent with state law and CISD legal and local policy.
- 2. Attendance: At a minimum,
  - a. Regular meetings shall be held once each quarter.
  - b. A quorum is 9 committee members. If a quorum can be present, the meeting shall proceed and not be canceled.
  - c. Members not planning to attend a meeting shall notify the district lead or the chair of the committee by 12:00pm of the meeting day.
  - d. Any member with absences and/or no-shows from two (2) consecutive meetings or not exhibiting interest in the work of the committee shall be reported to the Superintendent or Board President. The Board President in consultation with the Superintendent and/or Board Officers, at his discretion, may remove the committee member and appoint a replacement.
  - e. Any member who violates the Carroll ISD Confidentiality Agreement for Board Committee Discussions and Deliberations may be removed from the committee by the Carroll ISD Board President based on the recommendation of the Superintendent and/or Board officers.
  - f. Any vacancy, whether by removal or resignation, occurring in the committee shall be filled by appointment from the Board Officers for the length of the unexpired term.
  - g. Minutes of each meeting shall be filed with the Deputy Superintendent and posted on the committee's district webpage.

### **SECTION 3.**

- 1. The Carroll ISD Board of Trustees or CISD Administration shall:
  - a. Establish a *purpose* of the committee.
  - Establish the *primary responsibilities and expected outcomes* of the committee.
  - c. Establish *a timeline* for making any proposal and/or recommendations to the CISD Administration and/or Board of Trustees.
- 2. The committee shall act in a fact-finding, deliberative, and advisory capacity to the CISD Administration & Board of Trustees in matters pertaining directly to the committee's purpose.
- 3. The committee shall annually (by May of each year) prepare and submit a report to the Superintendent regarding:
  - i. the committee accomplishments of the year
  - ii. identify key priorities for the following year
  - iii. identify any committee membership vacancies for the following year
- 4. The committee shall perform such other fact-finding, deliberative, and advisory tasks as are delegated to it by the CISD Administration and/or Board of Trustees.

## **SECTION 4**

The Policy Review Committee shall continue to exist until dissolved or abolished by a decision of the CISD Board Officers or a change in legal or local policy.

# **Committee Membership**

Name	Affiliation (Community Member or District Staff)	Role
Fred Stovall	<b>Community Member</b>	Chairman
Dr. Tamy Smalskas	CISD District	District Lead
Heather Curtis	<b>Community Member</b>	Secretary
Michala Bernardo	Community Member	Member

Pamela Francis	Community Member	Member
Kristin Jenkins	<b>Community Member</b>	Member
<b>Dudley Jordan</b>	<b>Community Member</b>	Member
JoLyn Potenza	<b>Community Member</b>	Member
Juan Saldivar	Community Member	Member
Lisa Sammons	Community Member	Member
Christy Stacie	Community Member	Member
Janet Blackwell	Staff	Member
Stacie Bonner	Staff	Member
Stephanie Fuller	Staff	Member
Nikki Leonard	Staff	Member
Alex Sexton	Trustee	Member
Hannah Smith	Trustee	Member
Lane Ledbetter	Ex Officio	Member

# **Committee Purpose**

- Revision of the Student Code of Conduct (SCOC) as a document separate from the Student Handbook.
- Revision of the Student Handbook to align with the revised SCOC.
- Additional periodic review and revision of the SCOC, the Student Handbook and any other policies as the committee determines so long as such policies are not more properly within the scope of another Carroll ISD committee.

# **Committee Primary Responsibilities & Expected Outcomes**

To annually review, propose and update the SCOC and the Student Handbook and other such policies the Committee feel are necessary that are not under the purview of another committee.

# **Committee Timeline**

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To take a final version of the SCOC to the Board of Trustees by Dec. 5 with approval by December 12, 2022. The next project will be updating the Student Handbook and complete prior to the summer of 2023. Committee is also aware of changes could occur after the legislative session in 2023 that will impact changes to both documents.