



POLICY 1.097

5-A I recommend that the Board approve development of the proposed **revised** Policy 1.097, entitled “Academic Advisory Committee.”

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Development

CONSENT ITEM

- This revision adds a member of the Hispanic Education Coalition for Palm Beach County to the Committee composition, increasing the committee membership to twenty (20) positions. See 3(a).

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ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Purpose and Mission

The School Board (hereinafter the “Board”) and Superintendent recognize the significance of the District’s academic program in relation to the instruction of the District’s students. To assist the School Board and Superintendent in receiving feedback from the District’s stakeholders about academic programs as set forth in subparagraph 4 below, an Academic Advisory Committee (AAC or Committee) is created as an advisory committee to the School Board and will make reports to the School Board and Superintendent. The AAC shall be governed by its Charter, as set forth herein. The AAC would serve the purpose of involving parents, partners, teachers, administrators, employees and volunteers in reviewing the numerous variables that impact upon the District’s ability to provide excellence in education to all of the District’s students and provide them with the knowledge, skills and ethics required for responsible citizenship and productive employment.

2. Advisory Authority and Key Areas of Advisory Responsibility

- a. The AAC will be advisory in nature and operate in accordance with State and Federal statutes and regulations, as well as Board policies.
- b. The AAC will receive input from staff and other sources and provide advice on:
 - i. academic programs (ex. curriculum, testing, choice),
 - ii. academic resources in general (ex. administrative and instructional staffing, educational tools, instructional materials),
 - iii. academic equity (i.e. access to quality education), and
 - iv. school improvement.
- c. The AAC will not:
 - i. be involved in or provide advice about the selection, transferring or disciplining of staff members,
 - ii. participate in the selection of vendors or specific instructional materials; however, individual members may participate in the evaluation and/or selection of vendors and specific instructional materials, or
 - iii. override the recommendations of school-based school advisory councils

32 and parent/teacher associations.

33 3. **Committee Composition; Appointment; Term.**

34 a. *Composition.* The AAC shall be comprised of 49 20 members who shall serve
35 in a voluntary capacity and be appointed as follows:

36 i. seven (7) by the School Board (one (1) by each member of the Board)
37 (community members);

38 ii. one (1) by the Superintendent;

39 iii. one (1) by the County Council of PTAs;

40 iv. one (1) by the NAACP;

41 v. one (1) by the Haitian Citizen's United Task Force, Inc.;

42 vi. one (1) by the Hispanic Council;

43 vii. one (1) by the District's ESE Advisory Committee;

44 viii. one (1) by the Palm Beach County League of Cities;

45 ix. one (1) by the Palm Beach County Education Commission;

46 x. one (1) Teacher of the year;

47 xi. one (1) by a post-secondary educational institution;

48 xii. one (1) by a business partner with an educational interest; ~~and~~

49 xiii. one (1) guidance counselor; ~~and~~

50 xiv. one (1) by the Hispanic Education Coalition of Palm Beach County.

51 b. *Appointment Preference.* Each Board member shall appoint one voting
52 member from the community as provided for in Board Policy 1.09. In selecting
53 community members, preference shall be given to persons who have a
54 substantial interest in instructional delivery.

55 c. *Appointments by Superintendent.* The members from the post-secondary
56 educational institution and the business partner with an educational interest
57 shall be appointed by the Superintendent.

58 d. *Term of Appointments.* Members shall serve for one calendar year but may be
59 reappointed each year by his/her appointing person/entity. The membership of

60 a community member who was appointed by a Board member shall serve as
61 provided for in Board Policy 1.09.

62 e. *Distribution of Governing Policies.* Upon adoption of this policy, ACC members
63 shall be provided with a copy of this policy and a copy of Board
64 Policy [1.09](#) (Advisory committees to the Board). Upon the appointment of an
65 individual(s) to the ACC, the individual(s) shall be provided with a copy of this
66 policy and Board Policy 1.09.

67 **4. Committee Operations, Procedures and Administrative Matters**

68 a. *Meetings.* The AAC will hold its meetings consistent with the provisions of
69 Board Policy 1.09.

70 b. *Operations and Procedures.* The AAC shall conduct its meetings consistent
71 with, and AAC members shall abide by, the provisions of Board Policy 1.09.

72 **5. Duration of Charter.** The ACC's Charter shall remain in effect until repealed or
73 amended by the Board.

74 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ [1001.32\(2\)](#); [1001.41\(1\)](#) &
75 [\(2\)](#); [1001.42\(25\)](#); [1001.43\(10\)](#)

76 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Fla. Stat. §§ [1001.32](#); [1001.41\(1\)](#); [1001.43\(2\) & \(10\)](#)

77 HISTORY: 1/12/2011; 10/5/2011; ___/___2011

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 1.097 and finds it legally sufficient for development by the Board.

Attorney

Date