



McBean Elementary School Council Bylaws

Article I: Name

A school council has been established in the **McBean Elementary** School in the **Richmond County** on **September 8, 2020**. The name of this school council shall be the School Council, hereinafter referred to as the school council, organized under the authority of state law (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-85 – 20-2-86).

Article II: Purpose

The establishment of school councils is intended to help local boards of education by bringing parents and the community together with teachers and school administrators to create a better understanding of and mutual respect for each other's concerns and share ideas for school improvement. School councils shall represent the community of parents and businesses.

The members of the school council are accountable to the constituents they serve and shall:

1. Maintain a school-wide perspective on issues;
2. Regularly participate in school council meetings;
3. Participate in information and training programs;
4. Act as a link between the school council and the community;



The school council provides advice and recommendations to the school principal and, when appropriate, the local board of education and local school superintendent, on any matter related to student achievement and school improvement, including but not limited to, the following:

1. School board policies;
2. School improvement plans;
3. Curriculum and assessments;
4. Report cards issued or audits of the school conducted by the Office of Student Achievement;
5. Development of a school profile which shall contain data as identified by the school council to describe the academic performance, academic progress, services, awards, interventions, environment, and other such data as the school council deems appropriate;
6. School budget priorities, including school capital improvement plans;
7. School-community communication strategies;
8. Methods of involving parents and the community;
9. Extracurricular activities in the school;
10. School-based and community services;
11. Community use of school facilities;
12. Student discipline and attendance;
13. Reports from the principal regarding progress toward the school's student achievement goals, including progress within specific grade levels and subject areas and by school personnel; and
14. The method and specifications for the delivery of early intervention services or other appropriate services for underachieving students.

Article V: Membership

Membership on the school council shall be open to principals, teachers, parents, business representatives and other such members as the school council may specify in its bylaws. Members of the school council shall not receive compensation to serve on a school council. Members of the school council shall include:

1. **Susan Sanders and Florence Holliday** parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school, excluding parents or guardians who are also employees of the school;
2. Two parents who are businesspersons;
3. **Ashley Vakoc and Kelly Harman** are certificated teachers who are employed at least four of the six school segments at the school, excluding any personnel employed in administrative positions;
4. The school principal; and
5. **Jessica Lewis (social worker), Latrina Mitchell (counselor), Crystal Middleton (assistant principal), Carolyn Blackwell (community member), and Gail Tarpley (community member).**

Article VI: Terms

Council members shall be elected for two year terms. Council members **may** serve more than one term.

Article VII: Elections



inspection at the school office within two business days of the meeting. The minutes shall be provided to the school council members, each of whom shall receive a copy of such minutes, within 20 days following each school council meeting. The official minutes shall be open to public inspection once approved by the school council immediately following the next regular meeting of the school council.

Minutes at a minimum shall include the names of the school council members present at the meeting, a description of each motion or ~~proposal made~~ and ~~shall be descriptive of the cause and shall~~ ~~include~~

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