

School District of Hortonville

Title: Parent
Organizations

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Policy Statement:

The Board of Education encourages and welcomes parent organizations which are formed to support the educational process.

Rationale:

The Board of Education recognizes that the public schools belong to the community and that support of the schools is dependent upon full knowledge, understanding, and participation of the parents, citizenry, and staff.

Scope: K-12

Responsibility: Board of Education President

Implementation:

The creation and formation of parent organizations such as parent-teacher organizations, athletic and music booster clubs, and parent advisory councils, can be an effective way of involving adults in the affairs of the School District. The Board expects all staff members – but most particularly principals – to work closely and in harmony with the officers and directors of parent organizations in pursuit of the following goals:

1. To involve parents and school personnel in a cooperative and sustained system of activities which will increase the educational opportunities of the children both in school and at home.
2. To improve school-home relationships by enabling parents and school personnel to a) define their relationship to each other; b) define their roles as they pertain to the children serviced by the schools; or c) identify family needs and resources, as well as school needs and resources.
3. To provide teachers and administrators with opinions and view points that will lead to a better analysis of the needs of students and more relevant program planning.
4. To sustain a continual program of parental interest.
5. To develop the skills needed by school personnel to function effectively in a working relationship with parents and other adults.

The Board requires all parent organizations to establish both a set of by-laws for the group's governance, and a set of financial guidelines for the proper accounting of the group's funds. The Board also recommends that the group keep a copy of their by-laws as well as all financial reports (monthly and year-end) on file for public review. Each parent group should maintain a bank account for the safe keeping of the group's funds.

The funds of non-school sanctioned parent groups or other non-sanctioned organizations, will not be accounted for, or deposited within school student activity funds.

President _____ Date _____

Clerk _____ Date _____