



SAISD District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Bylaws

Mission Statement

The District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) serves in an advisory capacity to the Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) and SAISD on matters related to family engagement, curriculum, mental health, safety, etc. in an effort to build community and improve student academic success.

Purpose Statement

To provide solution driven academic support by:

- Seeking family & community feedback on District-wide initiatives
- Offering parent resource information and support
- Communicate inquiries and/or suggestions related to the child's educational journey

Through a collaborative and consensus-minded approach, the Council will express notable programmatic concerns, systemic issues, potential solutions, and recommendations to District leadership.

Section 1: Council

The name of the SAISD District Parent Advisory Council shall be called the DPAC. Hereinafter referred to as the "Council". The Council's purpose is to advise, advocate, and offer guidance to District leadership. As such, the Council is a voluntary, nonprofit, and unincorporated organization that meets monthly between September-May. The Council does not have the authority to issue directives or establish policy. Parents interested in serving on the Council must submit an online application on the district website.

It is important to note that the Council is not a PTO or PTA which functions as a group that focuses on advocating for change from outside the system.

As mentioned previously, the Council is not authorized to issue directives or establish policy; however, parent-driven solutions will be given serious consideration to ensure appropriate delivery of services and support for students enrolled in the San Antonio Independent School District.

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Section 2: Expectations

Council members will:

- Be solution driven for overall academic student success
- An active participant which is measured by:
 - Commitment level & engagement is necessary for all meetings
 - If you are not able to attend a meeting, please notify the Office of Family and Community Engagement as soon as possible to indicate your continued interest.
 - If communication is not expressed within 3 consecutive months to the Office of Family and Community Engagement, the department will move forward with seeking a replacement to participate in DPAC.
 - Participate through open dialogue/questions & answers/feedback surveys/etc.
 - Commitment to working group projects based on current district initiatives or parent feedback as requested by the Office of Family & Community Engagement.
- Adhere to meeting norms including:
 - Being responsive
 - Being engaged
 - Respecting everyone's opinion - no retaliation
 - Staying open minded
 - Being mindful of meeting time
 - Parking lot any ideas that may be off topic

Section 3: Attendance

The Office of Family & Community Engagement shall determine whether a meeting will be held in person or remotely, and Council members shall be expected to attend the meeting as outlined in the expectations of section 2. Meeting attendance is limited to identified members and senior leadership. The first Council meeting of the year shall be held in the month of September. Notice for the first Council meeting of the year will be sent by the Office of Family & Community Engagement via email or telephone at least 7 days prior to the anticipated date of the meeting.

Section 4: Consensus

The Council is encouraged to make recommendations and decisions using a consensus approach on items to be presented by the Office of Family & Community Engagement.

Section 5: Removal of a Council Member

A Council member may be removed for any reason by the Director of the Office of Family & Community Engagement if she/he finds that removal is in the best interest of the Council.

If communication is not expressed by the council member within 3 consecutive months for the inability to attend a meeting to the Office of Family and Community Engagement, the department will move forward with seeking a replacement to participate in DPAC.

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