

The Founders Academy - Parent Advisory Committee

CHARTER: "Parental involvement is a core philosophy of the school. The school will have a well-defined parent involvement initiative through the Parent Advisory Committee. The parent advisory committee shall have up to three representatives on the Board of Trustees and have regular attendance at their meetings by the School Dean or designee. The Parent Advisory Committee is a board committee and will be chaired by a parent board member. This committee will be renewed on an annual basis based on parent interest. Founders believes that parents are an integral part of the school community and bring valuable input, energy and skills to the school's success.

The Committee serves as the communication vehicle between parents, the School Dean and Board of Trustees. Founders will encourage the formation of multiple parent groups. They may form to support the various needs of a public charter school and it's community. The parent groups may be a nationally recognized group (PTA, PTO, or PTSA) or an independent group. From the Charter, pp 27.

1. **PURPOSE:** The two functions of the Parent Advisory Committee, as stated in the Founders Academy Charter, are to nominate parent/guardian members to the Board of Trustees and to serve as a communication vehicle between parents, the School Dean, and the Board of Trustees.
2. **PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:** A caucus of parents/guardians shall be held once per year at the call of the chair to elect parent/guardian members of the Parent Advisory Committee.
 - a. The Chair of said Parent Advisory Committee will be appointed by the Board Chair.
 - b. The preferred membership is one parent/guardian representing the middle school and one parent/guardian representing the high school.
 - c. No family shall hold more than one seat on the Parent Advisory Committee.
 - d. The Parent Advisory Committee serves until the end of the school year. At the beginning of the following school year a caucus should be held to appoint the Parent Advisory Committee for the new school year.
3. **COMMITTEE PROCESS TO NOMINATE BOARD MEMBERS:**
 - a. The Parent Advisory Committee shall meet to nominate to the Board of Trustees up to three qualified candidates,, annually, for each of the designated parent/guardian seats on the Board of Trustees.
 - b. The committee may meet via zoom or other means to make accommodations for parents. The committee should meet at least once per academic quarter or as needed.
 - c. A qualified candidate supports the mission of the school, and is not involved in activities considered illegal or damaging to the reputation of The Founders Academy.
 - d. The Board of Trustees will consider the nominees at the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting and take action which may include the following:
 1. select one of them
 2. ask the Parent Advisory Committee to put forward additional nominees
 3. select a parent/guardian candidate to present to the Parent Advisory Committee for their consideration
 4. other actions as may be appropriate or necessary.

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