



Board Policies

GP 3.6 - Board Committee or Liaison Principles

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Policy Title: Board Committee or Liaison Principles
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Board committees or liaisons, when used, will be assigned so as to reinforce the wholeness of the Board's job and so as never to interfere with delegation from Board to School Director.

1. Board committees or liaisons are to help the Board do its job, not to help, advise, or exercise authority over management. Committees ordinarily will assist the Board by preparing policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation or by performing specific audit functions. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Board committees will normally not have direct dealings with current staff operations.
2. Board committees or liaisons may not speak or act for the Board except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes. Expectations and authority will be carefully stated in order not to conflict with authority delegated to the School Director.
3. Board committees and liaisons may not exercise authority over staff.
4. Board committees, liaisons and Board members are to avoid over-identification with organizational parts rather than the whole. Therefore, a Board committee or liaison that has helped the Board create policy on some topic will not be used to monitor organizational performance on that same subject.
5. Expectations, composition, and authority of each committee or liaison will be carefully stated in Committee Charters.
6. Because the School Director works for the full Board, he or she will not be required to obtain approval of a Board committee or liaison before an executive action except where such action is a Board action rather than an executive action and such authority has formally been given the committee or liaison and the committee or liaison has directed the School Director to carry out said Board action.
7. Committees and liaisons will be used sparingly and ordinarily in an *ad hoc* capacity. Unless otherwise stated in the "Committee and Liaison Assignments" table, a committee or liaison ceases to exist as soon as its task is complete.

8. This policy applies to any group or role that is formed by Board action, regardless whether it is called a committee or liaison, and regardless whether the group or role includes one or more Board members. This policy does not apply to committees or liaisons formed under the authority of the School Director.

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