

RELATIONS WITH PARENT/BOOSTER ORGANIZATIONS

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee recognizes that the endeavors and objectives of parent/booster organizations and similar community based groups, who have as a primary focus school activities, can be a valuable means of stimulating interest in and endorsement of the aims and achievements of our public school system.

The School Committee recognizes the parent/booster organizations as organizations of cooperation among parents, teachers, administrators, students and the School Committee in the promotion of a sound program of education. The District looks to these groups as a means of promoting a finer educational program by achieving better understanding among all parties as well as being engaged in other types of projects.

Generally, actions initiated by parents/boosters provide the atmosphere and climate to weld together desirable community-school relationships.

Fundraising projects by parent/booster organizations must be conducted in a manner consistent with the School Committee's policy on Student Fundraising Activities (IGDA). Parent/booster-proposed plans, projects or movements, when being developed and proposed, are asked to be evaluated and promoted in light of their stated contribution to the academic, as well as the athletic and musical, program of the schools. Careful consideration must be given to the total value of such activities on all students, rather than to only specific elements such as particular classes, teams and music participants. Care must be taken to avoid compromising or diluting the responsibilities and authorities of the School Committee. Therefore, any plan, project or movement instituted to expand, modernize, renovate or otherwise render maintenance to school controlled and/or owned properties, will be presented to the School Committee in official session for its consideration, comments, evaluation, approval and sponsorship (where required). This must be done before any public announcement is made.

Similarly, actions to provide resources to compliment the schools' programs or provide achievement awards and other educationally related recognition to students or student bodies will be presented to the Superintendent of Schools for his/her approval. The Superintendent of Schools shall inform the School Committee of any such activities approved. In all cases, the organization will initially communicate with the Building Principal in the development of such plans.

Any school related organization that conducts fundraising activities whose purpose is to provide resources to the schools will keep accurate and complete records of each fundraising activity, recording the net receipts of each activity, keeping a current balance of all monies and submitting a July 1 to June 30 annual report to the Business Manager on by September 1st of the subsequent year.

To facilitate planning and communication, the Director of Student Activities will, at the beginning of each school year, hold a meeting with all parent/booster or similar groups. At this meeting, the plans and activities of each group can be discussed; policies and procedures reviewed, and appropriate action taken.

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