GUIDANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Guidance Advisory Committee is composed of school staff, parents, students, business partners, and community representatives and is formed for the purpose of providing advice and assistance to the Guidance Program. It provides support, offers advice, reviews guidance activities and encourages new activities to meet the goals of the School District and the Guidance Program. The role of the members of the Guidance Advisory Committee is to:

- Review and assess the School Guidance Program throughout the school year
- Recommend priorities within the guidance plan based on needs data
- Provide positive public relations, support, and dissemination of guidance program information to the entire community
- Help determine priorities for the guidance program
- Articulate the value and range of guidance services at PTA, school board, and community meetings in support of the guidance program
- Communicate needs of staff development
- Assist guidance staff in developing, administering, and analyzing needs of students, parents, and teachers as they relate to the guidance program
- Enlist parents to volunteer in the guidance department where appropriate
- Assist in the establishment and maintenance of a parent information center and parent resource library
- Assist in the planning and conducting of school-wide guidance events e.g. career fairs

The Guidance Advisory Committee should meet monthly at a date and time determined by the committee. Officers elected by the committee would include Chairperson, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. Please keep a copy of the minutes from each meeting for your files, the Chairperson, and the School Principal.

The committee should have no fewer than 15 members and no more than 25 members and should be representative of all the major stakeholders involved with the school's success.

Each school will have a Guidance Advisory Committee.