Walla Walla Public Schools

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

The following guidelines are to assist a citizens' advisory committee or task force:

- A. A specific charge or assignment shall be made to the committee.
- B. The board, superintendent or designee shall appoint committee members.
- C. The committee shall be advisory only. The board does not and, under the law cannot, relinquish its decision-making responsibilities.
- D. Upon request, the committee shall make periodic progress reports to the board; such interim reports as well as the committee's final findings and recommendations shall become matters of public record by virtue of their presentation to the board in a public board meeting.
- E. Minority recommendations, as well as those of the majority, may be presented to the board.
- F. The duration of the committee shall be indicated when it is established. The board may authorize the committee to continue its work beyond the original termination date.
- G. Staff consultants and other resource assistance, at the discretion of the board or superintendent, may be made available.
- H. Committee meeting guidelines are as follows:
 - 1. The frequency of meetings, meeting times, locations, and the nature of the meeting announcements shall normally be determined by the committee.
 - 2. The meetings are generally open to the public and the committee may invite public comment if it feels such input will facilitate the accomplishment of its goals.
 - 3. The committee may develop meeting procedures to assist in the orderly pursuit of its task.
- I. Expenses of the committee may be allowed if authorized in advance.
- J. Appointment of the committee chair shall be the prerogative of the board, superintendent or committee.
- K. By agreeing to serve on the committee, a person indicates their willingness to comply with the board's guidelines for a citizens' advisory committee/task force and with specific guidelines and procedures developed for the committee.

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