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DELTA DISTRICT YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (DYAC)

Mission Statement

The Delta Board of Education Youth Advisory Council's purpose is to communicate students' thoughts and opinions and to provide response and information to the Board of School Trustees.

It is our sole responsibility to ensure that all students are represented equally in the decision-making processes that will affect their school lives.

Role of DYAC

- To provide a formal process for Delta students to express to the Board of Trustees, students' ideas and opinions regarding District programs and operations.
- To assist in decision-making in regard to school district programs, policies and practices through information sharing, input and recommendations.
- To provide a formal process for the Superintendent of Schools and District administrative staff to receive input and feedback regarding district programs and operations.
- To provide students with an opportunity to explore issues concerning youth in the community.

Guidelines

- Five students from each school
- Representatives from junior and senior grades
- Willing to meet as a school based leadership team between DYAC district meetings
- Demonstrated leadership skills or aptitude to work cooperatively with others to achieve common goals
- Reflect the diversity of student populations
- Participate in information collection through survey, research and consultation within the school and community.

Meetings/Attendance

Meetings to be held monthly rotated between seven secondary schools. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month 3:45 to 5:30. The agenda will be created by the host members of DYAC in conjunction with the Assistant Superintendent. Items for the agenda may be brought forward by the Superintendent of Schools or delegate on behalf of the Board of Trustees and from the membership of DYAC.

The Agenda will be circulated to DYAC members prior to the meeting, if possible.

Reminders sent to members of DYAC and sponsor teachers one week prior to the meeting. The host school to provide a suitable meeting area (library).

Roberts Rules of Order will be followed in decision-making and in developing resolutions to be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

All communication matters being considered by DYAC, including resolutions shall be made directly with the Superintendent or designate.

No one member of DYAC can or will speak for DYAC unless directed to by the membership through a majority vote.

Hosting members will invite students' council and other school-based student leadership participants to attend at the host school.

Reference: Sections 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act