

Community Education Advisory Councils

Minnesota Statute

124D.18 Purpose of Community Education Programs.

The purpose of sections 124D.18 and 124D.19 is to make maximum use of the public schools of Minnesota by the community and to expand utilization by the school of the human resources of the community, by establishing a community education program.

124D.19 Community Education Programs: Advisory Council

Subd. 2 Advisory Council. Each board must provide for an advisory council to consist of members who represent: various service organizations; churches; public and non public schools; local government including elected officials; public and private nonprofit agencies serving youth and families; parents; youth; park, recreation or forestry services or municipal or local government units located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the school district; and any other groups participating in the community education program in the school district.

Purpose of a Community Education Advisory Council:

1. Provide a line of communication between school and community both formally and informally.
2. Cooperate with other community groups to bring together resources for their best possible use and eliminate duplication of services.
3. Assist in budget development.
4. Work for legislative support of community education.
5. Develop and recommend policies relating to community education to the school board.
6. Provide information to the community education director for program development.
7. Meet to coordinate and plan for community development.
8. Become a meaningful problem solving group.

Responsibilities of a Community Education Advisory Council:

Advisory Council Members are: ADVISORS not operators, not policy makers, new direction givers, not backers of the status quo.

Advisory Councils Members:

1. Write by- laws.
2. Establish goals, objectives, and evaluation criteria.
3. Assess community needs and resources.
4. Develop and maintain lines of communication between school and community.
5. Cooperate with other agencies.
6. Assist in budget development.

7. Work for legislative support of community education.
8. Develop and recommend policies relating to community education to the school board.
9. Provide information to the community education director for program development.
10. Attend advisory council meetings to coordinate and plan for community development.
11. Become a member of a meaningful problem solving group.

Ex- Officio Advisory Council Members: (Town Board representative. School Board representative)

1. Non voting Members of the Council.
2. Provide a line of communication to and from the board they represent to Community Education.
3. Answer questions regarding the operation of their organization.