

Pajaro Valley Unified School District

North Zone Educational Alliance By-Laws

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Preamble

The North Zone Educational Alliance has been created in accordance with the policies of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees. The purpose of this alliance shall be to support the attainment of the educational goals of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District and to further the educational objectives of the member schools and the various stakeholders they serve.

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the North Zone Educational Alliance.

Article II Zone Organization

The North Zone Cabinet that consists of the Principals from each of the zone schools.

The North Zone Advisory Council consisting of representatives of stakeholders throughout the zone.

North Zone Assistant Superintendent who serves as staff to the Advisory Council

Article III Name of the Council

The name of the council shall be "The North Zone Advisory Council"

Article IV Role of the Council

The role of this Council shall be to make recommendations to the Pajaro Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, Zone and District Administration, Site-level Administration, and other individuals and groups who influence educational policy for the purpose of:

- **Improving student achievement**

Areas of focus should include but not be limited to:

- Addressing the needs of all students
- Reviewing student assessment tools
- Long-term data analysis
- Aligning curriculum grades K-12
- Improving facilities
- Increasing opportunities for students
- Promoting safe and secure learning environments
- Preparing students for success following high school

- **Increasing communication within the educational community**

Areas of focus should include but not be limited to:

- Improving articulation between schools
- Promoting collaboration between all stakeholders
- Developing more effective communication between schools and parents
- Creating more effective communication with the District

- **Providing effective leadership**

- Proactive
- Emphasis on strategic planning
- Strong advocacy for the zone
- Promote research

- **Promoting sound resource management**

- Facilities improvement
- Promote safe schools
- Grant writing
- Private sector funding sources
- Monitor District budgets
- Partnerships with businesses and universities

Article V

Members of the Council

Section 1: Composition

The Advisory Council shall be comprised of 20 voting members. The Advisory Council will seek consensus by the group including non members. However when consensus is not attainable a vote will occur by members. Non members will abstain from voting.

6 parents (one from each school site)
2 students (from the high school)
1 business leader
1 community member
6 teachers (one from each school site)
2 administrators
2 classified employees

Any member who is unable to attend a meeting may assign his/her proxy to another member of that stakeholder group.

The Pajaro Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees will appoint two members as representatives on the council.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend meetings and to actively participate in discussions that are held.

Section 2: Term of Office

All members will serve two year terms. In order to achieve staggered terms, one-half of the members in an equal number from all areas of representation will serve one-year terms during the first year of the councils existence. A chance method shall be used to determine which positions will be the one-year terms prior to selections.

Members will be restricted to no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 3: Eligibility for Membership

1. Parent representatives must have at least one pupil enrolled in a North Zone school in an appropriate grade level during their entire term.
2. Student representatives must be enrolled in a North Zone school during their entire term.

3. The business representative must work in a business that has operations in the North Zone attendance area.
4. The community representative must live in the attendance area of the North Zone schools.
5. Teacher representatives must be employed at one of the North Zone schools at the level that they represent.
6. Administrative representatives must be employed in an administrative position at one of the North Zone schools.
7. Classified representatives must be employed by one of the North Zone schools in a position that corresponds to the group they represent.

Section 4: Selection of Members

Members will be selected through a democratic process to be determined by the group they represent.

Section 5: Termination of Membership

A person may no longer hold membership should he or she cease to meet the requirements of the position held. Membership shall automatically terminate for any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings.

The council may suspend or expel any member by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all members.

Section 6: Resignation

Any member may resign by submitting written notification to the North Zone Assistant Superintendent

Section 7: Vacancies

Any vacancy shall be filled within forty-five (45) days by the process established for that position.

Article VI Committees

Section 1: Standing or Special Committees

The Advisory Council may establish and abolish such standing or special committees as it may desire. These committees will function in an advisory capacity to the Advisory Council as a whole.

Section 2: Membership of Committees

The Zone Administrator, with consultation from the Advisory Council, will appoint members to the various committees.

Article VII Meetings of the Council

Section 1: Regular Meetings

The North Zone Educational Alliance Advisory Council will hold its regular meetings on the first Monday of each month.

Section 2: Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the North Zone Assistant Superintendent or by a majority vote of the Council.

Section 3: Meetings

All meetings shall be conducted within guidelines established by law and shall be subject to the Ralph M Brown Act.

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order or in accordance with a variation acceptable to a majority of members present.

Written minutes shall taken of all meetings and shall reflect all discussions and recommendations of the Council.

All meetings of this Council or any appointed committees will be open at all times to the public.

Article VIII
Changes to By-Laws

Section 1: Changes in By-laws

Changes in these by-laws must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Council.