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Parent and School Support Organizations
Policy Series: 7000 Community

Policy No. 7120

Purpose and Philosophy:

The Provo City School District Board of Education is committed to a cooperative education partnership among schools, parents/legal guardians, and the broader community. The Board of Education and District Leadership encourage the formation of a parent-teacher-student association or a similar organization at each school building in the district. The purpose of these organizations is to unite the efforts of parents, teachers and students in the enhancement of each school with the mission of the school and of Provo City School District.

Definitions:

1. Parent Teacher Association (PTA): a parent teacher organization that is affiliated with the National and State associations that provide by-laws, training, and oversight for these school-based groups.
2. Parent Teacher Organization (PTO): an independent parent teacher organization that is not affiliated with any state or national organization and is only affiliated with a designated school. This organization must create its own by-laws and auditing procedures as per state and federal laws regarding nonprofit, school support type organizations.
3. Booster Clubs: an organization established at a school level that is tied specifically to one group within the school specifically for fundraising purposes.

Organization:

The Board of Education will recognize only one (1) parent school support association/organization per school to align external support with the school's academic program, behavioral priorities, and culture. The Board of Education retains the sole right to recognize any parent school support association/organization. The Board of Education also reserves the right to revoke recognition of any parent school support association/organization. Recognizing the disruptive nature, financial cost, and impact the dissolution of a parent school support association/organization has on the District, individual school administration, and

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40 community, the Board of Education will verify a petition for an election for a new/alternative
41 parent school support association/organization once in a five-year period at an individual school.

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43 The Board of Education delegates to the Superintendent, or Designee, the authority to develop
44 procedures and guidelines relating to this policy; to intervene if a parent or parent school
45 support association/organization engages in conduct the Superintendent deems detrimental to
46 student welfare, the school community or school operations. The Superintendent and/or
47 designee may limit access to the school for any parent(s) or parent school support
48 association/organization that is not supportive of the school and the educational mission.

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50 The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and District Administration to establish
51 administrative procedures consistent with this policy, subject to review and approval by the
52 Board of Education.

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54 A Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) organization may
55 be formed at the school with the recognition of the school principal, and approval of the
56 Superintendent or designee and the Board of Education and after following the attached
57 procedure. ~~for forming a PTA group with the state. Alternatively, a PTO organization may be~~
58 ~~formed with the required recognition of the school principal, to unite parents, teachers and~~
59 ~~students in their efforts.~~

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61 Booster clubs and/or special interest organizations may be created to support and/or strengthen
62 specific activities in a school or the district. These groups must first receive approval of both the
63 school principal and the Superintendent (or designee) to be recognized as a booster
64 organization, following all processes outlined in [Policy 6110](#). The participation, cooperation and
65 support of school and district staff is encouraged.

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67 Any individual/volunteer participating in a School Support Organization does not have any
68 authority to bind, to represent or to act on behalf of Provo City School District unless specifically
69 directed to do so in writing by the Superintendent.

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71 No individual, corporation, association or other entity will be covered under Provo City School
72 District's insurance policies. PTO/PTA groups participating in a school sponsored event (such
73 as an assembly) are covered under State Risk Management policies. However, if the event is
74 not school sponsored (such as a carnival), PTO/PTA groups are not covered. Furthermore,
75 individuals, corporations, associations or other entities will not be covered under State Risk
76 Management policies unless State Risk Management has taken responsibility for those
77 activities.

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79 Any person(s) performing services for a School Support Organization should look to that
80 organization for any insurance coverage or coverage of risks. Any individual, while working on
81 behalf of Provo City School District for a School Support Organization, shall report any and all
82 discipline issues relating to Provo City School District students or employees directly to the
83 school district for oversight and correction.

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A School Support Organization may use district/school facilities under the conditions outlined in Policy 7260, Use of School Facilities and Grounds. Under the discretion of Provo City School District, rental fees for the use of district equipment and/or facilities may be waived for School Support Organizations.

Legal References:

Policy 6110 Donation and Fundraising Policy
Policy 7260 Use of School Facilities and Grounds

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