

**CONSTITUTION
GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL OF
ROCHESTER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 3A**

Article I. Purpose

The General Education Advisory Council of the Rochester Community Unit School District 3A is established to serve as an advisory body, providing recommendations to the district school administration and the board of education on specific educational matters. The council aims to assist in effectively communicating the district's goals and needs to the broader community while identifying and prioritizing areas of need within the district.

To fulfill this purpose, the council will focus on developing strategies to recruit a diverse group of families, determining an appropriate membership size, establishing service terms, and designing an optimal meeting schedule. Operating strictly in an advisory capacity, the council's recommendations will inform district leadership while ensuring the board of education retains full discretion to act independently.

Additionally, the council will develop, plan, and oversee up to four but no fewer than one **Partners in Education (PIE) Event** during the school year. The purpose of PIE events is to provide informative opportunities *and collaboration between* families *and staff*. These events will foster stronger partnerships between families and the district and enhance the understanding of educational priorities and initiatives of all stakeholders.

Article II. Membership

The advisory council shall not exceed 15 members and shall be composed of one parent/guardian and one staff member representing each building, a district administrator, and a member of the board of education. A junior high and senior high school student shall also serve as members.

The advisory council and the board of education are jointly empowered to alter the size of the council.

Article III. Selection of Members

Selection A - Nomination

Vacancies will be publicly announced by the district, and interested individuals may submit applications to the council chairperson. In the event no applications are received recommendations for council members will be provided by the school administration.

Advisory council members are expected to demonstrate qualities essential to the council's success, including integrity, responsibility, and a thoughtful, mature approach to collaboration

and decision-making.

Article IV. Officers

Leadership of the council shall consist of a chairperson, vice chairperson, and a secretary. The chairperson shall preside over each meeting. The vice chairperson shall preside over meetings in the absence of the chairperson. The secretary shall keep a written record of all meetings. The records of all meetings are subject to the approval of the council.

No council member shall be eligible to hold an elected office until he/she has been a council member for one year. Officers shall be elected for two-year terms. Consecutive terms are permissible. Voting shall be done by secret ballot if more than one person is seeking the same office.

Article V. Attendance

Any council member, who fails to attend two meetings during each school year without a reasonable cause as determined by the chairperson, is automatically dismissed from the council. Recommendations for replacing said member/s shall be made in accordance with Article III, Section A. If the unexpired term consists of less than four meetings, the vacancy will not be filled.

Article VI. Meetings

Meetings shall follow the Open Meetings Act and will be conducted by Roberts Rules of Order. Four regularly scheduled meetings will be convened between September and May. Meetings will not be held in June, July, and August. Special meetings may be called at the request of the chairperson.

Article VII. Amendments

Amendments to the constitution must be approved by a four-sevenths (4/7) majority of the council.

Article VIII. Rotation of Members

Council members may have three-year rotating appointments. The duration of the appointment can also be impacted if the member is no longer a representative of the building in which they began on the Council. The District Administrator and the Board of Education member shall have continuous appointments.