

Community Relations

Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

Parent organizations and booster clubs are invaluable resources to the Cooperative's schools and programs. While parent organizations and booster clubs have no administrative authority and cannot determine Cooperative policy, the Governing Board welcomes their suggestions and assistance.

Parent organizations and booster clubs may be recognized by the Governing Board and permitted to use the Cooperative's name, a Cooperative school's name, or a Cooperative school's team name, or any logo attributable to the Cooperative provided they first receive the Director's or designee's express written consent. Consent to use one of the above-mentioned names or logos will generally be granted if the organization or club has by-laws containing the following:

1. The organization's or club's name and purpose, such as, to enhance students' educational experiences, to help meet educational needs of students, to provide extra athletic benefits to students, to assist specific sports teams or academic clubs through financial support, or to enrich extracurricular activities.
2. The rules and procedures under which it operates.
3. An agreement to adhere to all Governing Board policies and administrative procedures.
4. A statement that membership is open and unrestricted, meaning that membership is open to all parents/guardians of students enrolled in the school or program, Cooperative staff, and community members.
5. A statement that the Cooperative is not, and will not be, responsible for the organization's or club's business or the conduct of its members, including on any organization or club websites or social media accounts.
6. An agreement to maintain and protect its own finances.
7. A recognition that money given to the Cooperative or a school cannot be earmarked for any particular expense. Booster clubs may make recommendations, but cash or other valuable consideration must be given to the Cooperative to use at its discretion. The Governing Board's legal obligation to comply with Title IX by providing equal athletic opportunity for members of both genders will supersede an organization or club's recommendation.

Permission to use one of the above-mentioned names or logos may be rescinded at any time and does not constitute permission to act as the Cooperative's representative. At no time does the Cooperative accept responsibility for the actions of any parent organization or booster club regardless of whether it was recognized and/or permitted to use any of the above-mentioned names or logos. The Director shall designate an administrative staff member to serve as the recognized liaison to parent organizations or booster clubs. The liaison will serve as a resource person and provide information about school programs, resources, policies, problems, concerns, and emerging issues. Building staff will be encouraged to participate in the organizations.

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