

# **BIXBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# **POLICY 6122**

## **SAFE SCHOOL AND HEALTHY & FIT SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Due to the growing concern of safety and the ever-constant threat of violence in the public schools, the Oklahoma Legislature has enacted certain statutory mandates to assist in combating this rising problem. This policy will implement the legislative mandate for the establishment and operation of safe school committees in this School District as follows:

1. The principal at each school site within this District where students are regularly present during the school day shall establish a Safe School Committee for the principal's school site to be composed of at least seven members, with an equal number of teachers, parents and students and a school official who participates in the investigation of reports of harassment, intimidation, bullying and threatening behavior. All members of each Safe School Committee shall serve until the following June 30 unless earlier removed from the Committee by the principal for any reason. The principal who appoints the Safe School Committee members shall advise the superintendent of schools, in writing, of the names, addresses and phone numbers of the committee members. In case of a resignation, death or removal of any committee member, the principal shall immediately appoint a successor committee member so as to maintain the composition of the committee as set forth above. Committee members are eligible to serve consecutive terms.

2. Each Safe School Committee shall study and make recommendations, in writing, to the school principal regarding:

- unsafe conditions, possible strategies for students to avoid harm at school, student victimization, crime prevention, school violence, and other issues which prohibit the maintenance of a safe school;
- student harassment, intimidation and bullying at school;
- professional development needs of faculty and staff to implement methods to decrease student harassment, intimidation and bullying; and
- methods to encourage the involvement of the community and students, the development of individual relationships between students and school staff, and use of problem-solving teams that include counselors and/or school psychologists, and ways to utilize behavioral health resources, including suicide prevention resources.
- professional development needs of faculty and staff to recognize and report suspected human trafficking.

As part of the process, each committee shall review traditional and accepted harassment, intimidation and bullying prevention programs utilized by others states, state agencies or school districts.

3. Each Safe School Committee shall meet at least once each semester. Each Safe School Committee shall appoint its committee chairperson who shall maintain written minutes of each meeting. The committee chairperson will be responsible for notifying all committee members of meetings, preparing agendas for each meeting, and posting such agendas in the principal's office for a reasonable

period prior to the date and time of each meeting. All agendas, minutes and other documents related to each Safe School Committee shall be retained by the principal of each respective school site.

#### Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committees

The District also establishes *Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committees* which shall be combined with the District's Safe Schools' Committees. The Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committees are established pursuant to *Okla. Stat. tit. 70, Section 24-100a* which created the *Healthy and Fit Kids Act of 2004*.

The Committees shall be composed of no fewer than 6 individuals who may be the same individuals appointed to the District's Safe Schools' Committees. The composition of the Advisory Committees may include teachers, administrators, parents of students, health care professionals and business community representatives.

The Advisory Committee at each school site shall study and make recommendations to the school principal regarding:

1. Health education;
2. Physical education and physical activity; and
3. Nutrition and health services.

School principals shall give consideration to the recommendations of their respective advisory committees. The Advisory Committee, for purposes of timelines, shall follow the same schedule as established for the District's Safe Schools' Committees.

#### **REFERENCE: 70 O.S. § 24-100.5, § 24-100b**

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