

7.10.021-AD Parent Groups And The Schools – Implementation

School personnel shall cooperate with parent support organizations to assure increased understanding between the school and home and to utilize the assistance to good educational programs that may be provided by interested parents.

(1) Guidelines for Parent Organization Enrollment Drives.

- (a) Membership enrollment envelopes and materials may go out from the principal's office.
- (b) No comparisons among rooms and students are permitted.
- (c) No rewards for parent enrollment offered except on a school wide basis.
- (d) Membership enrollment is to be conducted actively by the parent organization itself.

(2) Fund-Raising Limits and Guidelines.

- (a) Because the major efforts of parent organizations should not be directed toward fund raising, gifts to schools of money, equipment, or supplies should be limited. In keeping with the policies of the Board, gifts to schools from such organizations should not be directed to the basic instructional program. Gifts to the school by parent organizations, private individuals or private businesses in an amount greater than [\$5,000] should not be accepted without the approval of the office of the superintendent.
- (b) Whenever possible, purchases should be made through the district purchasing department or from an approved list of equipment to assure adequate safety factors, etc. (See also Board Series 8.00.000 on Specifications for Equipment and Installations.) In keeping with principles in the policy on shared-time programs, such funds shall not be used to underwrite costs of instructional programs.

(3) General Criteria for Fund-Raising Projects.

- (a) Children shall not be exploited in any way. (Activities imposing on classroom schedules, unnecessary involvement of children during school time, etc.)
- (b) Health and sanitation codes shall be observed. This rules out such activities as pony rides, beauty shops (danger involved in the use of cosmetics), etc.

- (c) Activities wherein the result is determined primarily by the laws of chance rather than through the skills of the individual are contrary to the laws of the State of Oregon.
- (d) Activities that may endanger students, staff or others by their actions as participants or spectators are prohibited.

(4) Examples of Fund-Raising Projects:

- (a) Projects approved by the district:
 - (A) Auctions;
 - (B) Auditorium shows;
 - (C) Book sales;
 - (D) Coin pitch;
 - (E) Dinners, luncheons, food sales and refreshment centers operated under appropriate health regulations;
 - (F) Gift wrap sales (with approved vendor through Purchasing Department);
 - (G) Hobby shows;
 - (H) Home tours;
 - (I) Movies;
 - (J) Plant sales;
 - (K) Play and movie sponsorships;
 - (L) Rummage sales (off school premises);
 - (M) School store;
 - (N) Sporting events;
 - (O) Staff talent shows;
 - (P) T-shirt, sweatshirt sale.
- (b) Projects not approved on district sites.
 - (A) Bingo;
 - (B) Cake walks based on chance;
 - (C) Donkey basketball;
 - (D) Door prizes;
 - (E) Fish ponds based on chance;
 - (F) Guessing number of articles in a receptacle;

- (G) Lotteries and raffles;
- (H) Pony rides (danger involved);
- (I) Roulette-type games;
- (J) Sales of home-baked goods;
- (K) Used clothing sales;
- (L) Balloon rides/Bungee jump;
- (M) Wine/Alcohol tastings.
- (5) <u>Playground Equipment</u>. The desire for parent groups to have additional play equipment on school grounds to occupy and stimulate children's development during out-of-school hours is desirable and constructive. Guidelines established to help parent groups wishing to purchase such equipment accomplish their goals in ways that do not conflict with Board policies and regulations or create additional hazards for children will be maintained and made available through the Facilities and Asset Management Department. Such guidelines will include, but not be limited to the following:
 - (a) Parents shall coordinate all activities with the building principal to determine playground equipment needs;
 - (b) A sketch of their plan, as well as sketches of the individual play installations, should be prepared.
 - (c) All such projects shall meet requirements set forth by the Facilities and Asset Management Department, including the district's "Guide for the Development of Playgrounds," "Specifications for Playground Equipment" and "Specifications for Chain-Link Fencing," as applicable.
 - (d) Mobile or moving equipment, such as swings, should be avoided, as it contributes the highest incidence of serious accidents.
 - (e) Play equipment should be of such a nature that it is immovable. For example, loose tractor tires and items of that kind will be rolled by older youth, thereby endangering smaller children or occupants of automobiles if rolled into the path of oncoming cars. Concrete tunnels should be large enough and securely enough fastened so that a group of teenagers cannot roll it over and endanger other younger children. Climbing apparatus should be designed in a fashion that eliminates pointed or sharp parts below higher areas. Pilings and other posts used for climbing must be set deeply into the ground so they cannot be pulled loose.
 - (f) Work parties consisting of parents may, subject to district requirements, work on playground installations but only under the direct supervision of

properly designated persons from the Facilities and Asset Management Department;

- (g) All installations must be approved in advance by the Facilities and Asset Management Department;
- (h) Contributions for equipment and other materials may not be solicited in the community or from business firms without approval of the office of the superintendent.

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