

7.2 INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL

The Instructional Council is advisory and shall be continued as a permanent source of recommendations on major instructional matters to the Board of Education. Guidelines regulating the functioning of the Council shall be continued, except as modified by the Council pursuant to the terms of such guidelines and except as provided as follows:

7.21 Composition/Chairperson

(a) ~~Six~~ Seven (7) members serving staggered three-year terms selected from the following groups shall be appointed by the Elgin Teachers Association:

1 Special Education Teacher

2~~3~~ General Education Elementary School Teachers

1 Dual Language Elementary School Teacher

1 Middle School Teacher

1 High School Teacher

1 English Language Learner Teacher

(b) Eleven (11) members serving staggered three-year terms through elections conducted by the ETA from their respective groups as follows:

2 Special Education Teachers

3 Elementary School Teachers

2 Middle School Teacher

2 High School Teachers

1 English Language Learner Teacher

1 Early Childhood Teacher

(c) Three (3) Community Members serving staggered three-year terms selected by the Council.

(d) Two (2) administrative members appointed by their particular groups for terms of three years:

2 Directors/Coordinators

(e) Seven (7) members appointed by their particular groups for rotating two-year terms:

2 Elementary Principals

1 Middle School Principal

~~1 High School Principal~~

~~2 Divisional Chairpersons~~

~~3 High School Administrators~~

1 At-Large Administrative Position

(f) One permanent member:

Superintendent or his/her designee who will serve as permanent chairperson of the Council.

(g) Terms: Appointed and elected members of the Council are limited to two consecutive terms on the council.

A Steering Committee comprised of ETA, administrative, and community members will be elected by the members of Instructional Council to work collaboratively with the chairperson in setting the agenda and processing proposals and information before bringing these items to the full council. The Steering Committee will also follow up on the activities and projects as directed by the Instructional Council.

7.22 Scope of Activity

Recommendations from the Council to be submitted to the Board for final action ~~shall~~ may include the following applicable initiatives: teaching techniques, areas of instruction, textbook selection, curriculum guides, pupil evaluation, implementation of a strategic technology plan, philosophy and educational goals of the district, research and experimental projects, educational specifications for new buildings, instructional programs such as Early Childhood, Specialized Student Services, and English Language Learners, ~~programs for non-English speaking students, minority group studies included in the instructional program and other significant educational matters.~~

7.23 Functioning

The Instructional Council shall meet during the normal school day, monthly throughout the school year; however, monthly meetings may be cancelled or additional meetings may be added as necessary. In addition, the Superintendent, or his/her designee, in the Superintendent's /designee's discretion, may also require additional meetings as needed. The Instructional Council may appoint task force study committees to make recommendations to

the Council. Whenever feasible, school district proposals for special federal, state, or private grants may be initiated and processed by the Council before such proposals are submitted to the respective state, federal or private agencies. The Instructional Council may request the services of persons with specialized expertise for information and recommendations as necessary. The Instructional Council may encourage, receive, and act on suggestions and recommendations made by school district personnel or community members. The Instructional Council shall present its recommendations and reports to the Board through the Superintendent and Council Chairperson. The Board agrees to provide adequate secretarial/clerical assistance requested by the Instructional Council. All actions of the Instructional Council shall be consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.