

Community Involvement in Decision Making

The schools belong to the citizens of Banks School District whom they are created to serve. All reasonable efforts should be exerted to identify the desire of the community and to be responsive to those desires. The following are the two major ways in which the will of the community shall influence the development of the Banks policies:

1. Board members themselves will remain mindful that they are elected to represent the people of the district;
2. Citizens of the district will be encouraged to express ideas, concerns and judgments about the schools through such means as: (a) written suggestion(s) or proposal(s); (b) presentations at hearings; (c) responses to surveys made through interviews, written instruments or other means; (d) comments at meetings of the Board; (e) service on citizens advisory and site council committees; and (f) talking with Board members or school administrators.

The Board may enlist citizen groups to assist and counsel them, making certain that three principles are followed:

1. Citizens groups will be broadly representative of the community;
2. Recommendations will be based on research and facts;
3. Recommendations will be submitted to the Board which alone has the authority and responsibility to act upon them.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 329.125
ORS 332.107

Cross Reference(s):

IFCA - 21st Century Schools Councils