

MOTIONS

A motion is a sentence or two that describes a change or concern. A motion is brought to the floor when a desired action is requested.

- Motions start at one of our schools. At a School Advisory Forum meeting a topic may generate much discussion and a motion may come out of that discussion.
- If SAF votes in favor of the motion, it passes to the Area for consideration.
- The School Advisory Forum Chairperson brings the motion forward to the Area General Meeting.
- If the Area Advisory Council approves the motion, it is forwarded to the District for consideration.
- The Area Chairperson presents the motion at the District Advisory Council General Meeting and it is voted upon there.
- If the District Advisory Council approves the motion, it is forwarded to the School Board and Superintendent for consideration.
- The District Advisory Council Chairperson forwards the motion to the School Board in the DAC Chair's report to the board.
- The Superintendent will ask that the motion be studied and he will assign it to a committee for further consideration; or, the issue will be returned to the community for more input or resolution at the local level.
- Once the motion is presented it is “tracked” by the Chairperson of the District Advisory Council until such time as the issue is corrected or the reasons whereby the issue cannot be corrected are brought forth or the issue is at a stalemate.
- When it is apparent there is a lack of action on an issue the Chairperson shall advise the Area Chairperson of the originating motion of the situation and discuss appropriate action (i.e. a new motion to provide new direction for correction).

Ground Rules for motions:

- Must request a specific action on the part of the school, area advisory council, district advisory council, or school board, superintendent, department, staff, etc.
- Should not be a request for information unless all other avenues have been explored and an answer has not been forthcoming.
- Should always be presented in the format outlined on our motion form.

- It should start with “whereas...” which tells the membership why the motion is coming forward.
- Should always provide a suggested remedy for the situation addressed by the motion.
- The maker of the motion **MUST** present the wording to the recording secretary of the body passing or failing the motion. That wording **MUST** be presented to each succeeding body. If there are amendments to the motion strikeouts and insertions must be shown.