T.C. Williams Community Advisory Committee Resolution

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City School Board wishes to formalize the T.C. Williams Community Advisory Committee as a Superintendent’s committee, established to implement certain Developmental Special Use Permit (“DSUP”) requirements adopted by the Alexandria City Council; and

WHEREAS, the School Board wishes to provide a permanent forum to discuss neighborhood and school-related issues that arise in connection with the ongoing operation of T.C. Williams High School; and

WHEREAS, the School Board is committed to the goals of community engagement for the benefit of the T.C. Williams High School constituency, and discussing educational proposals and services that increase awareness within the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the School Board seeks a diverse group of city residents representing the adjoining neighborhoods, and a wide variety of other interests to assist in providing input for the facilities and educational developments at T.C. Williams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD:

1. That there is hereby reestablished a T. C. Williams Community Advisory Committee (the “Advisory Committee”);

2. That the Advisory Committee shall consist of at least the following members, one of whom shall be annually appointed as Chair of the Advisory Committee by the ACPS Superintendent:

   a. An ACPS Department of Educational Facilities staff member and a member of the ACPS Department of Communications, both of whom shall be designated by the Superintendent;
   b. The T.C. Williams Principal (or designee);
   c. The T.C. Williams PTSA President (or designee);
   d. One T.C. Williams student, designated by the Superintendent to serve a one-year term;
   e. An Alexandria City Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities staff member, designated by DRPCA;
   f. Two community members at-large, appointed by the Superintendent for two-year terms, who are residents of Alexandria City; and
   g. at least five Community members from the adjoining neighborhoods appointed by the following civic associations community members from the adjoining neighborhoods appointed by the Superintendent for two-year terms:
      i. Seminary Hill Association (2 Members)
      ii. North Ridge Citizens Association (1 Member)
      iii. Taylor Run Civic Association (1 Member)
      iv. Fairlington Center Condominiums (1 Member)
      v. Kingsgate Condominiums (1 Member)
      vi. Seminary Civic Association (2 Members)
      vii. Chapel Hill Homeowners Association (1 Member)
Other than for good cause, the Superintendent may not alter the civic associations’ appointments;

d. The T.C. Williams PTSA President (or designee); and

e. One community member at-large, appointed by the Superintendent for a two-year term, who is a resident of Alexandria City;

3. That the Superintendent may designate additional members to serve on maintains oversight of the operation of the Advisory Committee;

4. That the Advisory Committee community members may serve no more than three consecutive terms, unless an exemption waiver is granted by a majority vote of a quorum of the School Board;

5. That the Superintendent shall endeavor to ensure that in the aggregate, Advisory Committee members are representative of the diversity of interests and uses of the T.C. Williams High School campus;

6. That the School Board liaisons to T.C. Williams High School, (or other Board members assigned by the Board Chair if they are unable to serve), shall be liaisons to the Advisory Committee on behalf of the Board;

7. That the functions of the Advisory Committee members shall be to:
   a. Attend scheduled meetings which shall be open to the public;
   b. Work within the framework established by the School Board for the needs and improvements of the T.C. Williams school campus and surrounding neighborhoods;
   c. Act as liaisons for the neighborhoods and groups they represent to provide input on issues and opportunities;
   d. Bring community values, knowledge, and ideas in ways that provide lasting benefit to the T.C. Williams community and the City as a whole; and
   f. Inform the adjoining neighborhoods of the meetings and invite input;

8. That the purpose of this committee is to provide a forum for discussion and resolution of neighborhood issues arising in the ongoing operation of the high school, rather than the adoption of reports, resolutions or recommendations. Therefore, the committee will be non-voting and will operate by consensus;

9. Upon request by the School Board, the Superintendent will provide reports on the committee’s activities to the Board;

10. That staff assistance to the Advisory Committee shall be managed by the staff of the Alexandria City Public Schools and, when necessary, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; and

11. That the Advisory Committee shall meet at least twice annually and shall determine its meeting schedule on an annual basis, unless otherwise specified by the School Board.
ADOPTED: ____________________________

ATTEST: ______________________________
Karen A. Graf, School Board Chair

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Susan M. Neilson, Deputy Clerk of the Board