

Student Involvement in Decision Making
Student Advisory Committee

Regulations:

1. The student advisory committee to the Westfield School Committee shall consist of up to five (5) members from the Westfield High School and up to five (5) members from the Westfield Vocational Technical High School. Each student advisory committee will select a chairperson to represent their respective schools.
2. Election will be held in the spring to select representation to serve in the succeeding year. Elections will be held under the supervision of the building principal or his designee according to procedures and guidelines as established by the State Department of Education.
3. The student advisory committee shall meet with the school committee on a bi-monthly basis during the school year as mutually agreed upon by the two groups.
4. The principal of the Westfield High School and Westfield Vocational Technical High School shall be informed of all agenda items to be discussed and invited to attend any meeting.
5. The opinion or recommendation shall be requested of the principal of Westfield Vocational High School and Westfield High School by the school committee concerning any proposed change in policy or implementation of policy as may affect his/her building.
6. If not a regular member of the student council, a member of the student advisory committee shall serve as an associate member of the student council, without voting rights, of the school he or she represents.
7. The student advisory committee shall inform the student council of all agenda items and inform the school committee of the opinion or position for the student council on any issued discussed.
8. Official policy decisions shall be made only at duly constituted school committee meetings.
9. In their relations with the student advisory committee, individual school committee members do not have independent authority to speak for the school committee and will make no out-of-meeting commitments unless directed to do so on behalf of the school committee.

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