

POTEAU PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Poteau Indian Education Parent Committee By-Laws **SY 2015-16**

ARTICLE I **Name of the Committee**

The name of this committee shall be the Poteau Indian Education Parent Committee.

ARTICLE II **Purposes and Objectives**

The establishment of the work of the Parent Committee is intended to comply with all rules and regulations as stated.

The Parent Committee shall assist the school district to bring about the most effective educational programs possible for Indian students. The Parent Committee shall assist the district in the development of proposals for Indian Education, implementation, and evaluation of its projects.

All applications for Indian Education programs must have mutual approval of the Parent Committee and the school district before submission for funding and approval.

The Parent Committee shall ensure awareness among the Indian community of existing programs and shall serve as a hearing board for those who wish to propose changes or express grievances.

These by-laws in no way give the Parent Committee independent authority over any district education program. The Parent Committee shall have no power to enter into contracts of any nature or to spend public funds. No pay shall be given for serving on the Parent Committee and no member shall be required to provide any sum of money, property, or service other than the services described herein, to the Parent Committee. The Parent Committee shall have no power beyond those expressly set forth within these by-laws.

ARTICLE III **Members**

Section 1. Number of Members – The total number of members of the Poteau Public School District's Parent Committee shall be five (5) members.

Section 2. Composition of the Parent Committee – All members of the Parent Committee shall reside within the boundaries of the school district, or be parents of legally transferred students, or be legally transferred students. At all times at least one half of the committee members shall be parents of Indian students

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enrolled in the Poteau Public Schools. At least one secondary school student and one non-administrative professional employee of the district shall be committee members. The superintendent of schools or designee shall be an ex-officio member. Those persons who are convicted sex offenders are not eligible to serve on the Parent Committee.

Section 4. Term of Office –The Chairperson, Secretary and Student members shall be elected **yearly. Their term of office shall be one year.** The Vice Chairperson and teacher members shall be elected in **odd** calendar years and their term of office shall be two years. The current Parent Committee will take office on the date of their election. They succeed themselves for subsequent terms.

Section 5. Voting Rights for Committee Business – Each member shall be entitled to one vote and may cast that vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Parent Committee. Proxy voting and absentee voting shall not be permitted.

Section 6. Termination of Membership – A member whose children leave school or graduate prior to the completion of the member's term may serve the remainder of his/her term. If a member desires to resign, for whatever reason, a letter of resignation is to be filed with the superintendent of schools.

ARTICLE IV **Officers**

The officers shall be elected annually by the committee members following the annual election of members in the fall.

A vacancy in any office of the Parent Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the members present at a general meeting. The newly elected officers shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the term of the vacant office.

ARTICLE V **Amendments**

These by-laws may be amended at any time by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Parent Committee in attendance, provided the amendment is to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Parent Committee as herein expressed. Any amendment must conform to requirements imposed by the Rules and Regulations of the Indian Elementary and Secondary Education Act.