

The School Committee endorses the practice of supplementing state and local school funding through fund raising events sponsored by teachers, students, parent groups, and outside organizations. The School Committee is legally vested with the responsibility of determining how funds are spent for school purposes and retains financial authority for all fund raising and financial arrangements for the school.

The board believes that, while fund raising is an important and traditional means of supporting public schools, too much emphasis and time spent on fund raising can be detrimental to other goals of the school. The School Committee, therefore, as set forth in the school philosophy, commits itself to seeking adequate funding to support the school. Moreover, the School Committee directs the administration to carefully monitor the extent to which fund raising events might interfere with the educational mission of the school and/or become overly intrusive into family time and budgets.

Fund raising activities in the school shall be conducted in accordance with the following:

1. Fund raising is the solicitation of monies from the community or from individuals, either in the form of a direct contribution or as payment for goods and services. Any funds raised must be used to support school activities but shall not be used to pay salaries or compensation in any form.
2. The School Committee delegates to the principal authority to determine how fund raisers are conducted and how the monies raised are to be spent. The principal shall approve all fund raising that is undertaken by teachers and other personnel employed by the school. The principal shall periodically inform the School Committee of fund raising undertaken by teachers and staff.
3. All monies raised through an approved fund-raiser are to be turned over to the principal who shall ensure that the funds are promptly deposited into the school's checking account. The principal shall be responsible for keeping a separate accounting of all funds raised and expended.
4. All fund raising for school purposes by outside organizations or persons not employed by the school shall be reviewed and approved in advance by the School Committee.

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