

Subject: Fwd: Special Board Committees
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From: Kelli MacMillan <macmillank@mokena159.org>
Date: Sun, Sep 24, 2023 at 10:19 PM
Subject: Re: Special Board Committees
To: Eric Bush <bushe@mokena159.org>

Hi Eric,

I like your list. I would reiterate it would be helpful and appropriate for these same questions to be answered for our Finance Committee:

1. Who is on the Finance Committee? Why do you have members not replaced when they stop serving? How often are new members chosen? How do you select members of the community to serve? For what term? What are the qualifications of those community members you are seeking? Do you require attendance? What do you do if they stop showing up or miss excessively?
2. How often does the Committee meet? What is the duration of the Committee?
3. I would say at this point the Finance Committee may be a duplication of what the BOE is doing. I need help seeing the value add to the BOE from what the Finance Committee is doing. We get no report or understanding of what they are asking / answering. This creates instances when members of the BOE potentially ask the same questions when they get the material to review instead of saving them the time, for example.
4. What is the goal of the committee? Note: reviewing information presented to the BOE is not a good goal unless the BOE gets benefit from this group reviewing it. I would like to understand how the BOE benefits from the Finance Committee review of the budget, for example.
5. How did our BOE allow the Finance Committee to go years not being in compliance with OMA ?

My sentiments in my original email are the same. I assume you've asked Lisa to provide the BOE the answers to these questions as it relates to the Finance Committee. All members of the BOE need to understand the Finance Committee, I don't think you're suggesting otherwise, are you?

Also note, the Policy Committee is not a special committee & I suggested a Standing Enrichment committee, not a special. Just wanted to point that out incase you had that wrong.

I will have my documents on the Special Safety Committee and Standing Enrichment Committee ready to discuss at the October BOE meeting open session. I look forward to discussing all committees at that meeting. Can you please confirm this will be on our agenda for October?

Thanks for taking the lead on this,

Kelli MacMillan

On Sun, Sep 24, 2023 at 3:35 PM Eric Bush <bushe@mokena159.org> wrote:

Board - At the September meeting, there was a proposal to add three special committees (School Policy, Safety & Enrichment). There is no form or application to be completed to create a special committee. My comments were meant to provide some framework or structure to our discussion regarding the committees that are effective and efficient. We have a tendency to veer off topic, so I would like to avoid that during open session. Four of us were on the Board when the Finance Committee was created 6+ years ago. Below are some topics and questions we discussed that I remember.

1. Who is on the committee? Members of the community? Staff? How many Board members?
2. How often will the committee meet? What is the duration of the committee?
3. Does the committee overlap or duplicate an existing committee or workgroup?
4. What is the goal of the committee?

This list is not meant to be complete and final. It is simply my recollection of the discussion regarding the creation of the Finance Committee. Please let me know if you have any other questions that you want us to consider.

Regards,

Eric