

## **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEES**

### **School Counseling Advisory Committee**

Following the *Texas Model for Comprehensive School Counseling Programs*, the district established the School Counseling Advisory Committee to include representatives of all stakeholders (school counselors, students, parents, teachers, administrators, community members, other personnel, and support specialists) in the process of creating, implementing, and evaluating the school counseling program. Program improvement efforts are led by those who are most invested in the school counseling program and who will be most affected by the changes made. The district level advisory council includes district administrators responsible for instruction and school counseling, the superintendent or designee, and administrators of special programs who use or support the school counseling program. Program services are organized and delivered through the four components of (1) guidance curriculum, (2) responsive services, (3) individual planning, and (4) system support. The advisory council makes program recommendations that best serve the district and lead the implementation of suggested school counseling program improvements. The committee meets twice a year, once per semester. **A KISD Board member is appointed to participate in this district committee.**

### **School Health Advisory Council**

Texas law requires the establishment of a School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) for every school district to recommend strategies and policies to increase parental awareness regarding risky behaviors and early warning signs of suicide risks and behavioral health concerns, including mental health disorders and substance use disorders, as well as available community programs and services to address these concerns. SHAC advises on elementary and middle school health curriculum, and high school health curriculum if the district requires health for graduation. KISD SHAC is required to meet four times a year but opts to meet five times a year with meetings in September, November, January, March, and May. The council ensures the district's health programs reflect local community values, and is comprised of parents, community members, business leaders, and district staff who represent a component of the Coordinated School Health Program. **A KISD Board member is appointed to participate as an ex-officio member in this district committee.**

### **KISD Education Foundation**

The Killeen ISD Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to enhance education in Killeen ISD. The Foundation works to increase private support for educational activities that benefit students and staff, and fosters creative approaches to education through private grants and involvement, and awarding of funds. The Board of Directors is made up of local business, community, and educational leaders. **A KISD Board member is appointed to participate as an ex-officio member of the Foundation Board**, in accordance with the Foundation bylaws and the MOU between the district and Foundation. Meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of every month from August through May.

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### **School Safety and Security Committee**

The KISD School Safety and Security Committee was established in compliance with Senate Bill 11 of the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, and is subject to the open meetings act, with relevant exceptions. By law, the committee must participate on behalf of the district in developing and implementing emergency plans; periodically provide recommendations regarding emergency operations plan; provide information regarding the safety and security audits with related reports, or other reports required to be submitted to the Texas School and Safety Center; review reports required for submission to the Texas School and Safety Center; and consult with local law enforcement to increase presence near district campuses. To the greatest extent possible, the committee consists of (1) one county/city emergency management representative; (2) one local police department representative; (3) one KISD police department representative; (4) **the Board President**; (5) **another Board member**; (6) the superintendent; (7) at least one district classroom teacher; (8) an open-enrollment charter school representative, if partners with the district to provide student instruction; and (9) two parents or guardians of district students. The committee meets at least three times a year (fall, spring, and summer). **The Board President and another board member are appointed to participate in this district committee.**

### **Board Audit Committee**

With the adoption of the charter, the KISD Board Audit Committee was established in 2015 to oversee the KISD audit function, advise the Board on audit plans, and inform the Board of internal audit reports and recommendations. **The committee consists of at least two and not more than three Board members** appointed by the Board President, and the superintendent serves as an ex-officio member. The committee members should collectively have a basic understanding of auditing; possess the knowledge necessary to understand financial, operational and program performance, compliance and control issues; and have the ability to communicate effectively with district auditors and the Board of Trustees. The committee meets as necessary and reports its activities to the full Board following each meeting of the committee.

### **Board Advocacy Committee**

The Board Advocacy Committee was established in February 2024 for the purpose of identifying state and federal legislative priorities and advocating for actionable steps that benefit students, staff, and community stakeholders. Currently, **three board members serve on this committee.**