

**APPROVE AN ALTERNATE COMPOSITION FOR
THE APPOINTED LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL OF
AUSTIN POLYTECHNICAL ACADEMY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve an alternate composition for the Appointed Local School Council of Austin Polytechnical Academy in accordance with the Governance of Small and Alternative Schools Policy, 07-0124-PO2.

DESCRIPTION: Austin Polytechnical Academy opened in the fall of 2007 as a Small School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b also as a Performance School in accordance with the Board's Renaissance Schools Policy, 05-1026-PO2, as amended. The school's curriculum was designed by the Austin Polytechnical Academy Design Team, comprised of CPS educators and representatives of the Center for Labor and Community Research. Austin Polytechnical Academy provides a college and career prep curriculum focused on high-tech manufacturing, including production, engineering, sales, quality assurance, management and ownership. The school utilizes the *Project Lead the Way* sequence of courses combined with math and science courses with a pre-engineering emphasis. The alternate composition of the Appointed Local School Council of Austin Polytechnical Academy is intended to allow the participation of manufacturers, educators and representatives of the Center for Labor and Community Research in the governance and development of Austin Polytechnical Academy.

APPOINTED LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL: Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and the Governance of Small and Alternative Schools Policy, 07-0124-PO2, an Appointed Local School Council shall be established at Austin Polytechnical Academy with the following composition, duties and operating requirements:

I. Composition

The Appointed Local School Council of Austin Polytechnical Academy shall consist of the following members:

- The School Principal
- Three (3) parents of enrolled students
- Five (5) advocates who shall be experts or knowledgeable in the school's curriculum focus
- Two (2) teachers assigned to perform a majority of their full-time employment duties at the school
- Two (2) community representatives who reside within the school's attendance boundaries
- One (1) full-time student in good academic standing enrolled at the school

The School Principal shall automatically be a member of the Appointed Local School Council. The parent, advocate, teacher, community and student members shall be appointed by the Board pursuant to recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer. The parent, advocate and teacher members shall serve two-years terms commencing July 1 of every even-numbered year and ending June 30 two years' later. The student member shall serve a one-year term commencing July 1 and ending June 30 one year later.

II. Duties

The Austin Polytechnical Academy ALSC shall have and exercise all of the powers and duties of appointed local school councils as set forth in the Governance of Small and Alternative Schools Policy.

III. Manner of Operation

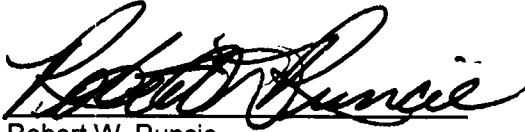
1. Eight (8) members, a majority of the full membership of the Austin Polytechnical ALSC, shall constitute a quorum. Whenever taking any official action, a quorum of the Austin Polytechnical ALSC must be physically present at the location of a meeting. A quorum being physically present, the vote of a majority of the serving members shall be required to approve any formal action of the Austin Polytechnical ALSC.

2. The Austin Polytechnical ALSC shall annually select a Chairperson and Secretary and establish a regular meeting schedule for the school year.
3. The Austin Polytechnical ALSC may adopt rules and bylaws to conduct its business in an efficient manner.

IV. Other Requirements

The provisions of the Governance of Small and Alternative School's Policy related to candidate eligibility, appointments, terms of office, vacancies, and removal of members shall apply to the Austin Polytechnical Academy ALSC to the extent not inconsistent with this Board Report.

Approved for Consideration:



Robert W. Runcie
Chief Administrative Officer

Noted:



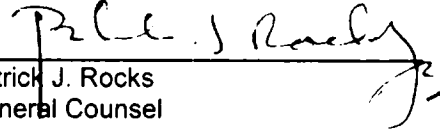
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