

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
OF ST. PIUS X SCHOOL**

ARTICLE ONE:

Name: This organization shall be known as the St. Pius X School Advisory Council, hereinafter referred to as the "School Advisory Council".

ARTICLE TWO:

Purpose: The purpose of the School Advisory Council shall be to develop and define the policies which shall govern the operation of St. Pius X School and to promote the implementation of said policies.

ARTICLE THREE:

Membership: Members of the School Advisory Council shall consist of the Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, the Principal of the School, the PTO President, and seven laypersons of whom one is appointed by the Pastor of St. Pius X Parish. The remaining six are to be elected by parents of St. Pius X School students. Elected members shall be members of St. Pius X Parish or parents of children attending St. Pius X School and shall serve three year terms. Appointed members shall serve one year terms and may be appointed by the Pastor annually for an indefinite period of time.

In the case that another parish in the Diocese of Corpus Christi has students representing ten per-cent of the enrollment in St. Pius X School, the Pastor of that parish may appoint a representative to serve on the School Advisory Council. This appointed member will serve a one year term and may be appointed annually by the Pastor as long as the parish continues to have an enrollment representing ten per cent of the total students enrolled.

ARTICLE FOUR:

Officers: The officers of the School Advisory Council shall consist of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, all of whom shall be elected annually by the School Advisory Council membership at the first regular meeting of the new school year.

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

1. The President, or in his/her absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the School Advisory Council. Before having been elected President of the School Advisory Council, the member shall have served on the Advisory Council for at least one year.

2. The Secretary shall maintain a written record of all acts of the School

Advisory Council; conduct, receive, and dispose of all correspondences directed; preserve all reports and documents committed to his/her care; and maintain a record of all transactions which are proper to the School Advisory Council.

3. The Treasurer shall assist the St. Pius X School staff by overseeing the bookkeeping and accounting functions of the school.

ARTICLE FIVE:

Meetings: The School Advisory Council shall meet regularly each month, August through June. The meeting date will be reviewed annually according to the needs of the council members. Special meetings may be called by the President as needed.

All meetings of the School Advisory Council shall be open to members of the Parish and parents of the children attending St. Pius X School. The right of such non-members and visitors to address the School Advisory Council shall be limited to those whose petition has been approved by the President for the agenda in advance of the meeting. Others may address the council only during open session.

A written record of all acts of the School Advisory Council, maintained by the Secretary, shall be preserved in the Parish archives and in the School office.

ARTICLE SIX:

Quorum: For the purpose of transacting official business, it shall be necessary that a majority of the total members of the School Advisory Council be present and voting.

ARTICLE SEVEN:

Voting: Each member of the School Advisory Council, whether lay, religious, or priest, shall have the right to one vote. Voting members include the Pastor, Principal, and the seven lay persons.

ARTICLE EIGHT:

Responsibility and Authority: All policies developed are defined by the School Advisory Council, and this constitution as established or amended, shall be consistent with the policies and directives of the Diocese of Corpus Christi Board of Education and of the Ordinary. All policy decisions shall be subject to modification by the Pastor of St. Pius X Parish as the common good requires. The Pastor of St. Pius X Parish has the power of veto.

ARTICLE NINE:

Attendance: Any School Advisory Council member having two unexcused absences from the Advisory Council meetings per school year may be subject to removal by a majority vote of the School Advisory Council members. Replacement members will be appointed by the president, subject to approval of the Pastor.

ARTICLE TEN:

Amendment: This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the total membership of the School Advisory Council in a recorded vote, subject to the provisions of Article Eight above. This constitution amends all previous constitutions of this School Advisory Council.

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