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The following general policies will govern the appointment and functioning of advisory committees to the Committee other than Student Advisory Committee, which is governed by the terms of the Massachusetts General Laws:

1. Advisory Committees may be created by the Committee to serve as task forces for special purposes or to provide continuing consultation in a particular area of activity. There will be no standing overall Advisory Committee to the Committee.
2. If an advisory committee is required by state or federal law, its composition and appointment will meet all of the guidelines established for that particular type of committee.
3. The composition of task forces and other advisory committees will be broadly representative and take into consideration the specific tasks assigned to the Committee. Members of the professional staff may be appointed to the Committee as members or consultants.
4. Appointments to such committees will be made by the Committee; appointment of staff members to such committees will be made by the Committee upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.
5. Each Advisory Committee will be clearly instructed as to:
 - a. The length of time each member is being asked to serve.
 - b. The assignment the Committee wishes the Advisory Committee to fulfill and the extent and limitations of its responsibilities.
 - c. The resources the Committee will provide.
 - d. The approximate dates on which the Committee wishes to receive major reports.
 - e. The responsibilities of the release of information to the press.
6. The School Committee possesses certain legal powers and prerogatives that cannot be delegated or surrendered to others. All recommendations of an Advisory Committee must be submitted to the School Committee. The School Committee will have the sole power to dissolve any of its Advisory Committees and will reserve the right to exercise this power at any time during the life of any committee.
7. The School Committee Chair shall furnish a list of names and addresses of members of any such Advisory Committee to the School Committee members and the Superintendent.

As required by state or federal law, the meetings of Advisory Committees will follow all applicable Open Meeting Laws.