

File: J31

STUDENT FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

While the School Committee recognizes that fundraising activities have become a part of the school environment at all levels, the Committee wishes to ensure that students, staff, and families are not exploited by the process.

Any fundraising activity involving students must have approval of the Principal. The group organizing the activity must submit to the Principal a Student Fundraising Activity Approval Form for authorization prior to commencing any activity. Groups which raise money must use such money for school-related purposes or charitable organizations.

The Committee supports student involvement in the sale of tickets to scheduled athletic events, school dramatic and musical performances, and other school events where sales are required. Also, student publications which require the sale of advertising to sustain themselves and serve the student body and /or the community may involve students in such sales.

Charitable fundraising activities (i.e. scholarship funds, disaster relief, or other humane causes), especially those that are part of a community service event or program are encouraged provided such proposals are submitted to and approved by both the Principal and Superintendent of Schools. In these cases, fundraising proposals should be student rather than parent/guardian, family or staff driven.

When organizing fund-raising projects, emphasis should be placed on service-type projects where talents of students are used in positive, developmental ways.

When commercial products are involved, a reasonable profit commensurate with the time and effort involved should be expected. A reasonable amount of technical assistance from the firm involved should be expected. Agreements between firms supplying fundraising products and groups should be in writing.

The following fundraising activities are prohibited for recognized student activity groups: toll road/gate fundraisers, raffles and bazaars (i.e. casino night) or the selling of tickets or chances thereto by recognized student activity groups.

For safety reasons and because the School Committee recognizes that community members receive requests for support from many worthy causes, activities involving door-to-door sales are strongly discouraged.

Fundraising projects involving food within the school day are encouraged to follow the “A-List,” in accordance with the District Wellness Policy (File A8).

Fundraising activities for field trips and school trips must comply with this policy and the Student Travel Policy (File J34).

Fundraising activities carried out by recognized student activity groups must also comply with the Student Activity Accounts Policy (File J32). (Under this policy, additional paperwork may be required including a complete financial report at the conclusion of the fund-raising activity.)

1st reading: December 20, 2017

2nd reading: January 3, 2018