



POLICY TITLE: Parent and Alumni Leadership Council (PALC)	
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PURPOSE

After years of operating a Community Advisory Group (“CAG”), The DC Public Charter School Board (“PCSB”) establishes the Parent and Alumni Leadership Council (“PALC”). The PALC will provide advice to PCSB regarding its policies related to public charter schools. The PALC offers members the opportunity to learn about the Board’s mission and priorities, while encouraging parents to share information in their schools and communities.

BACKGROUND

In May 2010, PCSB launched a CAG. The group consisted of DC public and public charter school parents and residents. These individuals were a sounding board for PCSB’s authorizing work, as they shared their perceptions, concerns and experiences about public education in the District. Since the group’s inception, PCSB formalized the group, defined its purpose and changed its name to reflect the growing membership. PALC will replace the CAG.

POLICY

The PALC acts as a liaison between PCSB and parents of public charter school students and graduates of public charter high schools.

Duties

The duties of PALC members will include:

- Meet regularly with PCSB.
- Represent PCSB at ANC and community meeting/events.
- Actively participate in Ward Education meetings.
- Foster relationships with parents, ANCs, councilmembers and key community stakeholders.
- Provide recommendations and input on PCSB’s polices, new charter school applications and other initiatives.

Structure

Members	<p>13 members total; staggered terms - 1 from each ward (8 members) - 5 members from any Ward</p>
Membership Criteria	<p>DC resident and (a) current parent of a DC public charter school student or (b) graduate of a public charter school</p> <p>At least 18 years old</p> <p>2 year-term (Terms begin in September)</p> <p>Cannot be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A DC elected official (e.g., ANC, State Board of Education Representative) - An employee of a public charter school or charter advocacy/support organization - A charter school board chair or trustee/member - A member of the “working press” - A multimedia journalist, full-time blogger or blog editor
Role/ Responsibilities	<p>Volunteer position (4-5 hours a month)</p> <p>Attend monthly PALC meetings</p> <p>Set annual priorities for feedback, including (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charter school applications - Performance Management Framework (PMF) release
Outputs	<p>Present periodically to PCSB Board at PCSB board meeting</p> <p>Share feedback on community engagement activities</p>

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