

TEACHER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

This organization shall be known as:

Teacher Leadership Council

Slogan: Teach Lead Collaborate

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND GOALS

Section 1 – Purpose

The Teacher Leadership Council, within Brevard Public Schools, will exist to promote and support four core tenets of professionalism which include advocacy, leadership, communication and outreach. This council will meet to plan and work on initiatives and events that support these tenets.

Section 2 – Goals

1. Increase teacher awareness of educational policies legislation and methods for communicating with local and state policy makers. Promote internal and external support for pre-service, novice and veteran teachers and the teaching profession as a whole.
2. Promote teacher leadership within local schools by providing leadership opportunities and professional development for teachers.
3. Facilitate communication between the District Office and the Teacher Leaders within local schools. Inform and educate local teachers and the community about the mission and goals of the leadership council.
4. Support community, government, and business programs that benefit students in Brevard County.

ARTICLE III

Board of Members

Section 1 – Number of Members

There shall be at least five Board Members and no more than thirty.

Section 2 – Powers of the Board

Board Members will manage the affairs of the Council.

Section 3 – Quorum for Vote

A majority of members will constitute a quorum.

Section 4 – Terms and Term Limits

Members shall be elected to a two year term and may serve successive terms.

Section 5 – Qualifications and Elections of Members

In order to be eligible for Board membership, individuals should be a current TOY finalist, a current District TOY, a former District TOY, a district office liaison, a Brevard Foundations Liaison, or community liaison. Teacher Leaders and participants from the Teacher Leadership Academy are invited to apply.

Members may be elected at any board meeting by a majority vote of the quorum.

Officers will be elected during May, in even number years.

Members must comply with the Code of Ethics of the Education Profession in Florida as stated here within:

6A-10.080 Code of Ethics of the Education Profession in Florida.

1. The educator values the worth and dignity of every person, the pursuit of truth, devotion to excellence, acquisition of knowledge, and the nurture of democratic citizenship. Essential to the achievement of these standards are the freedom to learn and to teach and the guarantee of equal opportunity for all.
2. The educator's primary professional concern will always be for the student and for the development of the student's potential. The educator will therefore strive for professional growth and will seek to exercise the best professional judgment and integrity.
3. Aware of the importance of maintaining the respect and confidence of one's colleagues, of students, of parents, and of other members of the community, the educator strives to achieve and sustain the highest degree of ethical conduct.

Section 6 – Removal of Board Members

Board members may be removed after three consecutive unexcused absences by a majority vote of the board.

Section 7 – Meetings

The Board should have a minimum of four regular meetings each year at times and places fixed by the board. Notice of meetings shall be provided by e-mail.

Article IV

Leadership

Section 1 – Board Officers

Brevard Foundation Administrative Support: Provided through the Foundation and will include assistance with logistical needs.

Chairperson: Nominated via the Board's Nominating Committee and elected by board members. Must have served no less than one year on the board.

Vice Chairperson: Nominated via the Board's Nominating Committee and elected by board members. Must have served no less than one year on the board.

Treasurer: Nominated via the Board's Nominating Committee and elected by board members.

Secretary: Nominated via the Board's Nominating Committee and elected by board members.

Section 2 – Term of Office

Each Officer shall serve a term of two years and may serve successive terms.

Section 3 – Removal or Resignation of Officer

Officers may be removed at any time for violation of the Code of Ethics.

Officers may resign at any time by giving written notice.

Section 4 – Vacancies

Officer vacancies can be filled at any board meeting by a majority of the quorum.

Section 5 – Duties

Chairperson: Leads the Board in performing its duties, and presides over meetings and other duties as needed.

Vice-Chairperson: Support and assist Chairperson in performing his/her duties. Will preside in the event Chairperson is unable to perform his/her duties.

Treasurer: Shall be the lead director for oversight of the financial condition and affairs of the council and complete other duties as needed.

Secretary: Shall provide for giving notice of the meetings, shall provide for keeping minutes of the meetings and distributing the minutes at the following board meeting for the other board members and complete other duties as needed.

Article V

Committees

The TLC board members may have committees as determined from time to time.

A Nominating Committee appointed by the board members of no less than three and no more than five.

Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates nominated and/or self nominated for the role of Officers.

The Chair may serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

Article VI**Miscellaneous**Section 1 – By-Law Amendment

By laws may be amended, altered, repealed and restated by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Council members then in office at a meeting of the Board, provided that a thirty-day written notice is given.

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